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## NANKING FORCES IN RETREAT.

### WUHAN MAKING DRIVE IN KIANGSI.

### FATE OF LI CHAI-SUM TO BE DECIDED.

### CANTON WAR PLANS.

Except in certain sectors where the Wuhan forces have achieved success by taking the initiative, and striking the first blow, the war between Nanking and Hankow has not yet developed on a wide scale. Heavy fighting is going on in Kiangsi and the Central Government's forces are in slow retreat. The rumours of the shooting of Marshal Li Chai-sum are denied officially, but with Li Chung-ye and Pei Chung-hsi, the Canton leader has been "excommunicated" from the Kuomintang, and the matter of "punishment" is being left to the Supervisory Committee.

#### Severe Fighting.

Nanking, Mar. 27. Nationalist military headquarters have been moved to Kiangsi in order to facilitate the prosecution of the war against Wuhan. Severe fighting continues on the Hunan-Kiangsi border and the Nanking forces have sustained a series of severe setbacks. They are retreating before the Kwangsi troops, in spite of the fact that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has been hurrying reinforcements to the area. It is thought that the Kwangsi Party are making a drive through in an attempt to capture Kiangsi, and military circles think they may succeed unless the Central Government's forces are speedily reinforced.

#### The Kwang's Part.

It is also planned to attack Kiangsi from two directions, the Hunan forces from the west and the Kwangtung and Kwangsi armies from the south. The Hankow forces in Hupeh will maintain a non-aggressive policy for the time being, being content to consolidate their defences against Chiang Kai-shek's attack. Severe fighting continues in the region of Yinghsan and Lotienhsien.

#### Marshal Li Chai-sum.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. The Moderate Wing of the Kuomintang are seriously concerned regarding the safety of Marshal Li Chai-sum, and Chang Ching-kiang, Tsai Yuan-pai and Li Shih-teng have arrived in Shanghai to discuss the matter with their supporters. A vigilant watch is being maintained over Marshal Li at Tangshan, all Chinese entering or leaving the city being subjected to a close scrutiny by armed guards.

Two other military officials, alleged to be attached to the Fourth Army Corps at Hankow, were arrested on their way to Shanghai on board a vessel passing through Nanking.

#### Chefoo Pays Up.

Chefoo, Mar. 28. General Chang Chung-chang, the Shantung "rebel", entered Chefoo last night after arranging with the delegates of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce for the payment of \$200,000 as a guarantee of peaceful entry.

It is reported that the capture of Chefoo was effected by General Chu Yu-pu, Chang's right-hand man, who encircled Chefoo towards Mienlou. He is continuing the campaign in the hope of cutting off Liu Chien-nien's retreat.

#### Liu To Fight.

Liu Chien-nien is reported to have halted the retreat at Shinkian, eight miles east of Chefoo, and intends to resist the enemy.

It is estimated that 3,000 of Chang Chung-chang's troops passed through the city yesterday afternoon. They are taking over Liu's former barracks three miles to the east of Chefoo.

Chang's troops are flying a five-coloured flag, comprising a black border and a yellow cross, discoloured black, red, blue and white.—*Reuter.*

#### Canton Plans.

Canton, Mar. 28. General Li Chung-ye and General Wang-hung left Canton yesterday for Wuhan. Important military meetings were held there last (Continued on Page 8.)

## SHANGHAI COURT BOYCOTT.

### JUDGES LIKENED TO COMMON LABOURERS.

### STRONG CRITICISM.

Shanghai, Mar. 28. Mr. S. Fossenden, Director-General of the Shanghai Municipality, interviewed in regard to the boycotting of Mr. Van den Berg, the Senior Consul's Deputy in the Provisional Court, by the Chinese Judges, said it might conceivably affect peace and order and become a serious matter to the community. He criticised the action of the Judges, who, instead of using diplomatic methods, resorted to unbecoming strike tactics, like common labourers.

The boycott of Mr. Van den Berg, he said, was a carefully-laid scheme to oust the other Deputies, with a view to diverting the Municipality of all authority. It will be recalled that when the boycott was first disclosed, by Judge Kuhn, Mr. Van den Berg, Mr. Van den Berg, Mr. Bryan, the advocate of the Municipal Council, entered a vigorous protest, contending that it was a reprehensible precedent of politics being allowed to interfere with the course of justice.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

### OPENING OF INDIAN AIR SERVICE.

### SIR SAMUEL HOARE TO MAKE TRIP.

London, Mar. 27. Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary for Air, has arranged to take advantage of the Easter recess to travel by the new Indian air service, leaving London on Saturday, March 30th in order to examine various questions connected with the working of the Mediterranean stages of the route.

From Egypt, he will make a flight of a few days' duration to Sudan in a service aircraft with a view to inspecting, as far south as time permits, the projected route for the new service which will connect London with Capetown.

He will return to London from Egypt by the Imperial Airways homeward service in time for the reassembly of Parliament.—*British Wireless.*

### AMERICAN ASIATIC FLEET.

### SUCCESSOR TO REAR-ADMIRAL MARK BRISTOL.

Washington, Mar. 27. Rear-Admiral Charles Butler McVay has been appointed to the Command of the U.S. Asiatic Fleet, in succession to Rear-Admiral Mark L. Bristol.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[The new Commander-in-Chief was born in 1868 and graduated at the U.S. Naval Academy in 1890. He served on the Amphitrite in the Spanish-American War, and was Chief-of-Staff with the Asiatic Fleet from 1912-14.]

### SHANGHAI STREET SHOOTINGS.

### SAID TO BE DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS.

Shanghai, Mar. 28. The Foreign Affairs Commission has protested against the police shooting at desperadoes in congested streets of the Settlement. He asserts that pedestrians are endangered by such methods, and contends that the police are liable for damages.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

### TSINAN AGREEMENT.

### PLENIPOTENTIARIES SIGN AT NANKING.

Nanking, Mar. 28. Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. Yoshizawa signed the agreement settling the Tsinan Incident at 10.30 a.m. to-day.—*Reuter.*

## WAS PARTNERSHIP FAKED?

### BANKRUPTCY CASE SUGGESTION.

### DEBTOR REPRIMANDED FOR "FENCING."

### ALIAS ADMITTED.

An allegation that the partnership had been "faked" for the purposes of the bankruptcy was made to the managing partner of the Kwong Tung Wo Wo Koo timber firm, in bankruptcy, when he was publicly examined by Mr. E. L. Agassiz, the Official Receiver, before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) in the Bankruptcy Court this morning.

The debtor, Ng Cheuk-san, was reprimanded by his Lordship for "fencing" when he denied that the first name in a book was his, but admitted that it was his alias.

Replying to Mr. Agassiz, Ng Cheuk-san said he started the business over ten years ago and had been the managing partner ever since. He obtained the partners and got them to put money into it.

Debtor was shown a book which he described as a partnership book which was entered up when the firm started.

#### Very Clean Book.

Mr. Agassiz pointed out that it was a very clean book after ten years' service, and debtor replied that it was kept locked up in the safe and was never taken out.

Mr. Agassiz said that when his clerk visited the premises he found the book lying about the place.

Debtor said he could not explain that. He continued that the names of the partners were entered up by Ng Wo-kee. There were 12 partners altogether and he (debtor) was the only one now in Hongkong.

When Mr. Agassiz suggested that all the partners had gone to the country, debtor stated that several remained on the premises until they were attached.

Mr. Agassiz:—All the names of the men appearing in this book are men of straw, with no money?—Several of them are dead.

They left no money, did they?—Some went to Shanghai and some died in America.

#### Worthless Shares.

Did any of them leave any money?—They only left shares. Which are worthless.—Yes.

Replying to other questions, debtor said that during the firm's ten years of business they had carried on a good average business.

Mr. Agassiz asked debtor if he did not think it curious that, in view of the business, the partners were without money, to which debtor replied that several of them were in Shanghai and their firms there had closed down.

Mr. Agassiz produced another book, which debtor described as a "useless" book which is thrown about anywhere.

Mr. Agassiz remarked it was all the more useless because the front page was missing.

Debtor said it was not a partnership book. He agreed that his name was the first one recorded in the first book, but he did not agree that his name was also the first name in the second book. He read out the first name and agreed with Mr. Agassiz that the name was his (debtor's) alias.

#### Musin't "Fence."

Mr. Agassiz then told the debtor not to be funny, and his Lordship said debtor must not "fence" with Mr. Agassiz.

Although Mr. Agassiz reminded debtor that he was on oath, he said that the book did not include the names of several prominent and wealthy men in Hongkong. It appeared, however, that a mistake was made in the interpretation, the word "partners" having been used instead of "people," and when the question was put again, debtor agreed.

Mr. Agassiz read out the following names as being in the book:—Mr. Yee-hon, No. 73, Bonham Strand West; Ng Yu-ling, No. 90 Bonham Strand East; and Ng Sut-chi, alias Ng Wo-kee.

Mr. Agassiz:—I put it to you that the second book is the partnership book of the firm and that the other has been made by some (Continued on Page 14.)

## JUNK RUN DOWN BY STEAMER.

### FISHING CRAFT LEFT TO ITS FATE.

### CREW ALL RESCUED.

A serious allegation that, after a mishap, the steamer left a junk to her fate, is contained in a report which the master of a local fishing junk made to the police in regard to a collision between his boat and an unidentified steamer, outside the harbour yesterday.

Cheung Kau, who is the master of fishing boat No. 7944, states that he was returning to the Colony from the fishing grounds yesterday. About 4 p.m. he was left becalmed off Waglan and unable to make much progress on account of the entire absence of wind.

Consequently, he was unable to get out of the way when a steamer approached from the direction of the harbour. It bore down on the junk and rammed her amidships.

The boat commenced to take in water and eventually sank, throwing all the occupants into the water. The steamer continued on its way, but fortunately another fishing junk which was in the vicinity

### MORE FUNDS FOR THE MINERS.

### Second Donation from the Kowloon C. C.

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We are pleased to-day to announce further donations to the Fund for the relief of distress amongst British miners and their families.

To-day's contributions include a second donation from members of the Kowloon Cricket Club, this being for \$37.50, making the total amount received from this Club \$112.50. Our thanks are due to members for their kindly gift.

We have also received a sum of \$10 from "E.W.D." of Foochow, this providing a further indication of the interest being shown in the Fund by Britishers in out-ports.

The total sum now received by the Telegraph is \$6,203.50. We have to-day cabled a further £50 to the headquarters of the Fund, bringing the total so far despatched to over £600.

### GERMANY GETS HUGE MANCHURIA ORDER.

### COMPLETE EQUIPMENT FOR STEEL WORKS.

Berlin, Mar. 27. The South Manchurian Railway Company has placed an order with Krupp's for the supply of a complete plant for a steel-rolling works.

The Company apparently intends in the future to manufacture the greater part of its own railway material.

It is expected that the plant required will cost something in the region of \$800,000.—*Reuter.*

### SPECIAL PENSION FOR MADAME FOCH.

### FRENCH GOVERNMENT'S PROPOSAL.

Paris, Mar. 27. The French Government has laid a Bill on the table in the Chamber, providing for the grant of a special pension of Frs. 100,000 per annum to Madame Foch, in addition to the ordinary pension.—*Reuter.*

## U.S. SHARE SLUMP STAYED.

### "BULLS" AGAIN GET FULL CONTROL.

### DUE TO NATIONAL CITY BANK ASSURANCES.

### UPWARD TREND.

New York, Mar. 27. Following yesterday's sensational slump, the opening of the Stock Market to-day was widely discussed and anxiously awaited beforehand.

Optimism was inspired by the declarations of leading New York bankers, which paved the way to the expected rally. This started yesterday afternoon and continued to-day.

Newhaven shares were up 4%, Kennecott Coppers and Canadian Pacific 2½%, whilst John Manville, Columbia Gramophones and a host of others moved with the rising tide.

The market opened much steadier, the leading favourites moving up from five to seven points.

#### "Bulls" In Control.

Later, "bulls" regained complete control of the market, bidding up on a wide assortment of issues which rose from \$3 to \$20 per share.

The market closed strong.

The restoration of confidence is ascribed to an announcement by the National City Bank, which supplied the market with funds yesterday, to the effect that it would continue its policy of lending assistance when necessary.—*Reuter's American Service.*

#### A Hectic Day.

Earlier reports of the slump were as follows:

Hundreds of brokers, page boys and order clerks on the floor of the Stock Exchange raised a loud cheer of relief yesterday afternoon when the President's gong sounded, closing one of the most hectic days which many of them had ever witnessed.

Eight million shares changed hands in one of the most riotous sessions in history, in which the money rate was raised to 20 per cent.

Prices of scores of issues broke from five to thirty-five dollars a share, with the ticker over two hours late at the close. The break was even worse than the bad one the previous day, if only because a morning rally was confidently expected.

Prices fell steadily all day long, and one after another stocks cracked wide open. All over the country, in thousands of brokerage offices, groups of speculators who a week ago were exulting over profits stood silently conversing and watching prices melt like wax in the heat of liquidation.

#### Selling Orders.

Selling orders in unbroken succession were dumped into the market at any price, and the downward slide gained momentum as thousands of small fry traders were squeezed out and large operators, even with the largest margins, were compelled to sell large portions of their commitments.

Paper profits of several millions in many cases were enormously reduced, or almost cancelled.

#### Reserve Bank Control.

Wall Street feels that the Federal Reserve Bank, whose authority several of the largest pools operating have lately affected to ignore, has drastically demonstrated its control of the market.

The Board sitting for several days at Washington was presumably debating what steps to take to check what it regarded as exaggerated market speculation. No announcement whatever was made, the proceedings being kept entirely secret, but the mere fact of the Board sitting made the public so nervous and caused such widespread uneasiness that traders began to liquidate of their own accord.

Starting as a dribble, selling reached the proportions of a torrent, which speedily washed away the weak accounts and had enveloped the corrective. The Federal Reserve Board felt was necessary to re-adjust the public standpoint.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## GEN. LUDENDORFF IN DECLINE.

### ANTI-SEMITISM LANDS HIM IN FRESH LIBEL CASE.

### HEAVY FINE OR PRISON.

Berlin, Mar. 27. General Ludendorff, who is now 63 years of age, is spending his declining days in fighting Freemasonry and Judaism, and in propagating the worship of the old German gods.

To-day he was sentenced to a fine of £40, with an alternative of sixteen days' imprisonment for libelling an Army photographer, whom he described as a "Frenchman" in an article entitled "The Immorality of Freemasons."—*Reuter.*

Ludendorff has always been a rabid anti-Semite, and in 1926 he wrote a preposterous book purporting to show that Freemasonry aimed at the establishment of world domination by the Jews. He followed it up by an amazing assertion that he was a victim of a conspiracy of Jews, Freemasons and Jesuits. He was involved in a libel action last year in connexion with his Anti-Semitism.

Incidentally, he was recently foolishly plying with money to a man who professed to be able to turn base metals into gold. Recently there was talk of his coming to China to re-organise Feng Yu-shiang's forces.

### RANGERS BEATEN AT LAST.

### GO DOWN BADLY TO THE HAMILTON TEAM.

London, Mar. 27. One of the biggest football surprises of the season occurred to-day, Glasgow Rangers losing to Hamilton Academicals by three goals to nil. The match was played on the Hamilton ground, and the Rangers revealed a curious lapse of form.

It was the first defeat sustained by the Rangers this season, the famous club having played 80 league matches and several Cup matches previously without reverse.

It was also the first time that the Rangers had failed to win away from home.

Hamilton occupy a lowly position in the table, being sixth from the bottom.—*Reuter.*

### THE SERVICES RUGBY CHAMPIONSHIP.

### R.A.F. GO DOWN HEAVILY TO THE ARMY.

London, Mar. 27. The Army have been able to muster a very powerful Rugby XV this season, and they captured the Inter-Services Championship to-day by defeating the Royal Air Force XV rather easily.

The R.A.F. were no match for the Army, being outplayed in all departments. The final score was 27 points to nil in favour of the Army.—*Reuter.*

### PARLIAMENT TAKES A HOLIDAY.

### BUDGET IMMEDIATELY ON REASSEMBLY.

London, Mar. 27. Parliament adjourned to-day for the Easter Recess, the House of Commons until April 16th, and the House of Lords until April 18th. Mr. Winston Churchill is to make his Budget Statement to the House of Commons on Monday, the 15th, when the House reassembles.—*Reuter.*

### CAMBRIDGE AGAIN BEAT OXFORD.

### FAIR MARGIN IN VARSITY GOLF MATCH.

London, Mar. 27. Cambridge scored yet another sporting success over Oxford to-day when the annual golf match was played at Rye. The Light Blues won nine matches against five, another being halved.—*Reuter.*

## THE 'I'M ALONE' AFFAIR DISPUTE.

### CASE MAY BE SENT TO ARBITRATION.

### NOTORIOUS SHIP, BUT HER POSITION IS VITAL.

### REVISION OF TREATY.

Washington, Mar. 27. The sinking of the British schooner "I'm Alone" still provides the principal topic in diplomatic circles, and the American authorities have issued further statements in justification of the action of the cutter "Dexter."

Secrecy is being observed for the present with regard to the official report of the British Consul-General in New Orleans, which has been received by the Canadian Legation.

#### Point at Issue.

It is believed that the British report is to the effect that Captain Randall of the "I'm Alone" was justified in refusing to submit to search or seizure, but Mr. Vincent Massey has not disclosed the nature of the findings.

It is officially stated at the Canadian Legation to-day that the only point which has been studied with regard to the incident has been the question of the distance of the "I'm Alone" from the shore when she was hailed by the U.S. Government revenue cutter "Wolcott" which gave chase first.

Where Was The "I'm Alone"? If it could be established that the "I'm Alone" was within the jurisdiction of the United States, the case would probably not be pressed, but if it was proved that she was outside the territorial waters of the United States when she was first hailed, the U.S. State Department would probably acknowledge that the attitude of Canada was justified and would take steps to settle the matter.

#### Treaty Revision.

It is the general impression in diplomatic circles that whatever the outcome of this astonishing incident, the revision, or at least a clearer definition, of the Anglo-American rum-smuggling treaties will be urgently necessary.

State Department officials are reticent regarding the affair, but express the opinion that the case may eventually be submitted to arbitration.

The American Press comments in the most favourable terms on the British attitude towards the "I'm Alone" incident.

A fuller version of the Treasury Department's Memorandum on the subject, says that the British schooner "I'm Alone" is well-known to have been specially adapted for rum-running by an American bootlegger, who is now in prison in the United States.

It is recalled that the British Government seized the "I'm Alone" in 1926 for obtaining a false clearance from Halifax.

Her activities have previously been brought to the attention of the British authorities.

#### The Vessel's Tricks.

The schooner, it is stated, cleared from Belize to Nassau early in February, and was found off the coast of Louisiana. Subsequently she turned up at Belize again in ballast, having obviously landed her cargo elsewhere than Nassau, (in the West Indies).

The "I'm Alone" cleared again (on her last voyage) with liquor for Bermuda. She was five hundred miles off the coast to Bermuda when the American coastguard cutter "Wolcott" picked her up on March 20th.

The "Dexter", which fell in with the "I'm Alone" on March 22nd, first warned the master that she would sink her if she refused to heave-to, but no attention was paid.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Later, upon learning that a seaman killed on the "I'm Alone" was a Frenchman, the French Embassy is seeking instructions from Paris, hence there is a probability that the French will be involved.—*Reuter.*



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## THE HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.

SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE  
BRIGADE GIVES EVIDENCE.

### P.W.D. OFFICIAL CALLED

Questions with regard to insurance, safety in building construction and provision of fire escapes were raised at the sixth day's sitting of the Coroner's Inquiry held by Mr. E. W. Hamilton into the circumstances of the King Edward Hotel fire.

Mr. J. H. Wittich recalled, was questioned in regard to the business of the Hotel and insurance that might have been effected thereon. In reply to the Coroner, witness said he knew of only three partners, these being Yu Shu-sha, Foo Ping-kwong and Cheung Fook-kwong. He himself was a salaried servant of these three partners, but generally took any orders that might be given from the first-named only.

The Coroner: As Manager, do you know what insurance has been effected on the business of the Hotel, that being entirely apart from the structure?

Witness: Nothing at all.

How long have the present partners been in business?—For about two-and-a-half years.

Witness explained that they took over the business from Mr. Tong Hok-ting who was then the lessee of the Hotel. Within the last twelve months, large sums of money had been spent on the building and business: in white-washing, renewing all the beds, and the conversion of four double rooms into single rooms. The alterations to the rooms were by Messrs. Clark and Lu.

No Official Knowledge.

Mr. A. E. Wright, Assistant Director of Public Works, and Building Authority, said, in reply to the Coroner, that he knew nothing of such alterations. "Plans had to be submitted, of course," he said.

Replying to the Coroner, Mr. Wittich said that he knew four months ago that the partners had been served with a notice by the landlords, terminating the lease, but no decision was reached and nothing came out of it. The partners were in charge of the matter. They held a monthly tenancy of the premises, and apparently it was a question of getting the rent paid. A guarantee was given that it would be paid by the stipulated time.

In reply to his Counsel, Mr. Hin-shing Lo, witness said that the rent was paid in advance, but on that date it had been left half in arrears. When payment was made it covered the arrears as well as left a balance to cover in advance half a month's tenancy. As far as witness knew, the rent was fully paid up till February.

Business Flourishing.

Mr. H. C. Lee (representing the landlords): I think Mr. Wittich knows to some extent about the arrears of rent. They were some months in arrears last year, but by the end of February everything had been paid up. Those arrears had been going on for such a length of time that the landlords had to give them notice to quit.

Replying to another question by Mr. Hin-shing Lo, Mr. Wittich said he did not know anything about insurance having been effected, until after the fire, when, of course, such knowledge became common property.

Mr. Lo: You are not responsible for the payment of rent?

Witness: No.

Business on the whole had been a flourishing business during the three years?—Yes.

Au Yeung-pong, who, having given an ambiguous description of his calling, was variously referred to in Court as officer, personal attendant, valet or bodyguard to General Chan Ming-shu, said he had been to hospital for treatment of injuries he received in the fire.

He was asleep in Room No. 207, on the second floor, when he was roused by the sound of police

whistles. Having gone out on the verandah, to see a number of people rushing about in the street, he again got into bed. His mind, however, had become uneasy, and he told the Coroner that it was not very long before he again got out of bed and opened the door of his room with a view to investigating the cause of the row. Smoke began to pour into the room and for the first time he realised the Hotel was on fire.

Singed in the Lift.

His first thought was to go up to the floor immediately above his to warn the others of his party. He doubted whether General Chan Ming-shu had returned to sleep in the Hotel, but there was his Secretary, Mr. Chung, who was occupying a room adjoining the General's.

As witness started to go up the staircase to the third floor, half-way he was driven back by the dense smoke. Returning to his room, he warned a companion who was sharing the room with him, and together they went out into the passage, in an attempt to reach the main staircase. It was on fire, and while running about in the vicinity of the lift-shaft, feeling themselves trapped, the lift came up and the liftman came into view. The latter gave them certain information as to the direction in which to make their escape, but on their confessing to an entire ignorance of the lay-out of the floor, he took them in and came down to the ground floor with them. As they reached the bottom he noticed flames playing around an object the nature of which he could not distinguish except that it was near the staircase.

By the Coroner: He was burnt in the arms and face, and hair was singed from his head by flames which had started to envelope the lift-shaft as they came down.

A Party Wall.

Mr. A. E. Wright, recalled, submitted certain plans in respect of certain alterations that had been effected to the structure which was known as the Royal Building, housing the King Edward and Savoy Hotels.

He produced plans which were submitted in 1927 by which the construction was approved of the erection of an iron fire-escape ladder outside the Savoy Hotel, and the installation of W.C.s.

Sometime or other, he continued, a party wall had been built on the verandah of the 5th floor without authority.

He was not in the Colony when certain plans were submitted which resulted in the taking over of a part of the King Edward Hotel for the purposes of the Savoy Hotel. It might not have occurred to the P.W.D. officer who had charge that such division would affect the position of the King Edward, in that it involved the closing up of the corridors at certain points, to establish the line of demarcation between the two Hotels.

In the case of the Savoy Hotel, the plans were properly submitted to the Fire Department and approved by the Public Works Department.

Powerless to Reform.

It might not have occurred to the officer in charge to look up the date of erection of the building, but witness was able to find a record which showed that in 1919 fire hydrants were required to be installed in the King Edward by the police or fire officers.

By the Coroner: He considered verandahs as advantageous in case of fire. He gave as his opinion that there were many old office buildings in the city which had no fire escapes, but as a P.W.D. official, he was powerless to enforce the provision of these.

Replying to the Coroner, the Hon. Mr. T. H. King said his information was that they, too, were powerless to do anything in the matter except when licenses were issued, and then they could, in a way, enforce the measure by withholding the license until such provision had been carried out.

Witness said that in his opinion there should have been an extra fire escape ladder leading to the street outside from the King Edward Hotel. He considered the present stone steps unsatisfactory

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- 1174 (Dinorah-Ombra leggiera-Part 1 (Meyerbeer)\*  
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- 1194 (Abide with Me (Lyte Mouk-annuels)  
Lead Kindly Light (Newman-Dykes)
- 1267 (Parla Valse (Arditi)  
The Gypsy and the Bird (Oxenford-Benedict)
- 1338 (La Capinera (The Wren) (J. Benedict)  
La Paloma (The Dove) (Yradier)
- 1335 (Home Sweet Home (Payne-Bishop)  
Last Rose of Summer (Moore)
- 6784 (Proch's Air and Variations (Proch)  
Zemire et Azor-La Fauvette (The Warbler) (Gretry)
- 8089 (Traviata-Imponete (Verdi) (with Giuseppe De Luca)  
Traviata-Dile alla Giovinet (Verdi) (with De Luca)
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Rigoletto-Quartet (Verdi) with Homer-Gigli and De Luca.

\*Included in Mme Galli-Curci's recital at the Queen's Theatre on March 25.

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and thought they should be separated from the inventories and servants' quarters.

Fire Brigade Work.  
Mr. H. T. Brooks, Superintendent of the Fire Brigade, next

gave evidence. He stated that a call from the Hongkong Hotel fire alarm was received on March 11 at 3.06 a.m. and No. 8 motor pump in charge of one sub-officer and seven Chinese firemen, left the

station within one minute of the call. Witness explained that the men slept on duty round the fire appliance in full uniform. No. 11 Fire Appliance under European

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BEST NAME FOR  
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THOUSANDS OF  
SUGGESTIONS  
AND FINALLY  
PICKED THE WIN-  
NER—THEN HE  
TWO AROUND  
TOWN WITH HALF  
THE LETTERS OF  
THE NAME ON ONE  
SIDE OF HIS BUMPS  
ONE DAY, AND THE  
OTHER HALF ON  
THE OTHER SIDE.  
THE NEXT—JUST  
TO GET THE  
PEOPLE GUESSING.

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GUZZLE'S  
B-N-L  
-U-G-

WHILE ON THIS YOU SEE EVERY OTHER LETTER—

GUZZLE'S  
-U-D-E  
B-G-Y

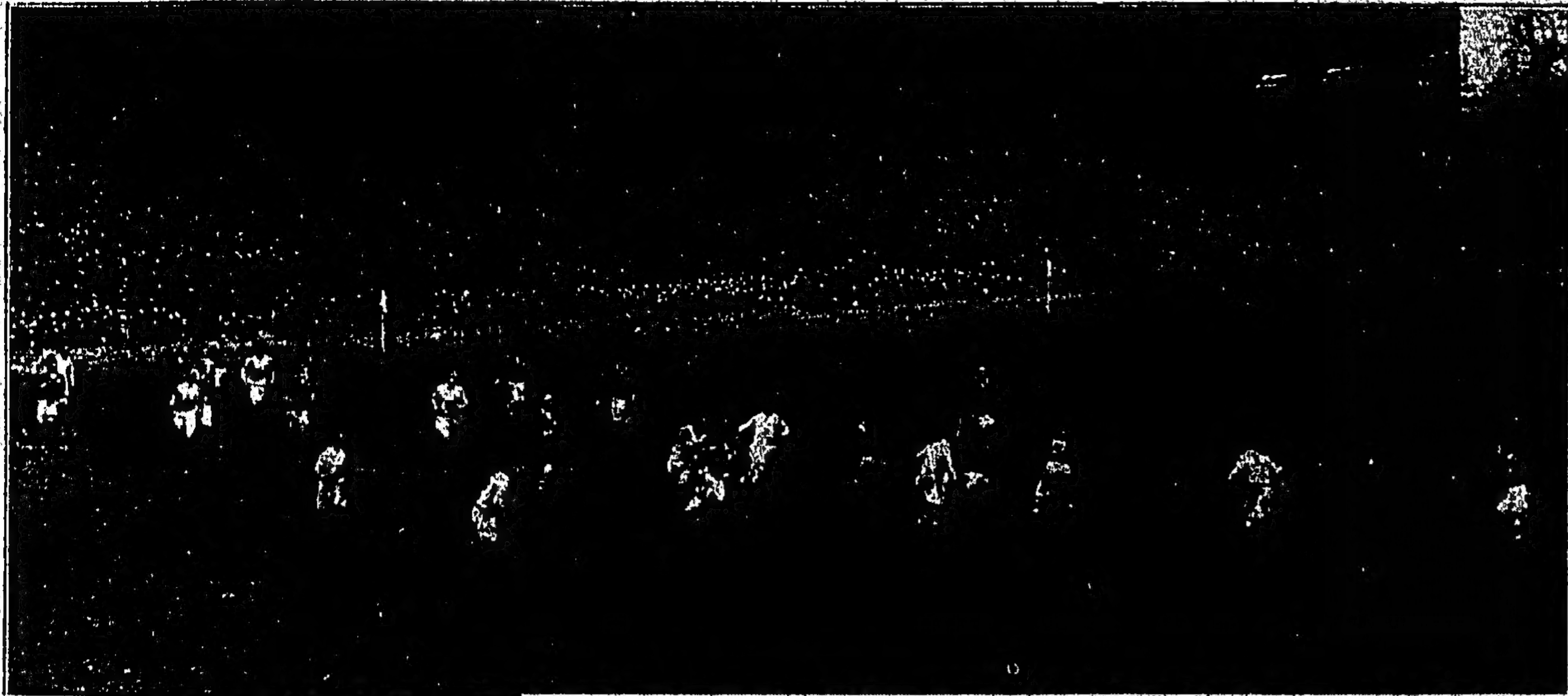
AND NOW, I WILL PRINT THE LETTERS THAT ARE ON THE OTHER SIDE, ON THIS, AND THEN PAINT THE LETTERS THAT ARE ON THIS SIDE, ON THE OTHER—

HURRAH!

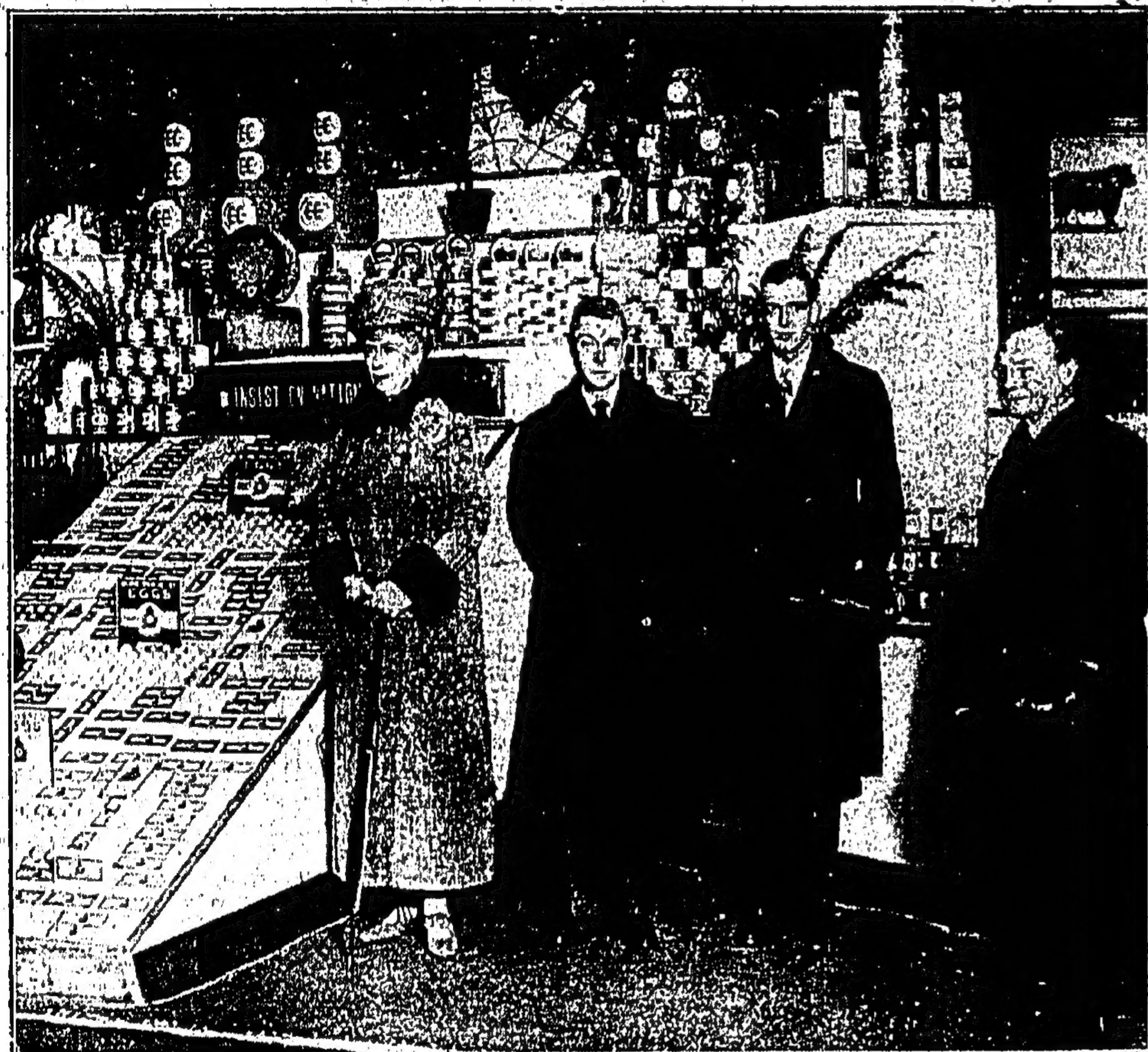
GUZZLE'S  
BUNDLE  
BUGGY

AND THERE YOU ARE!

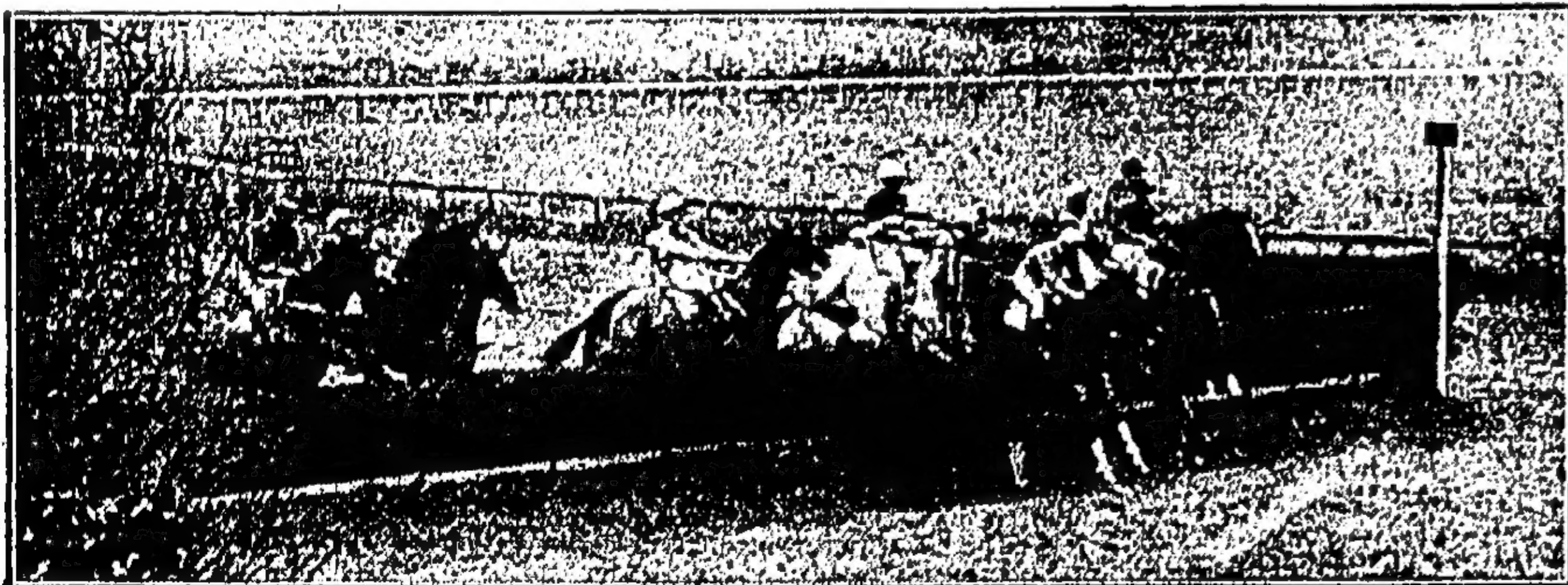




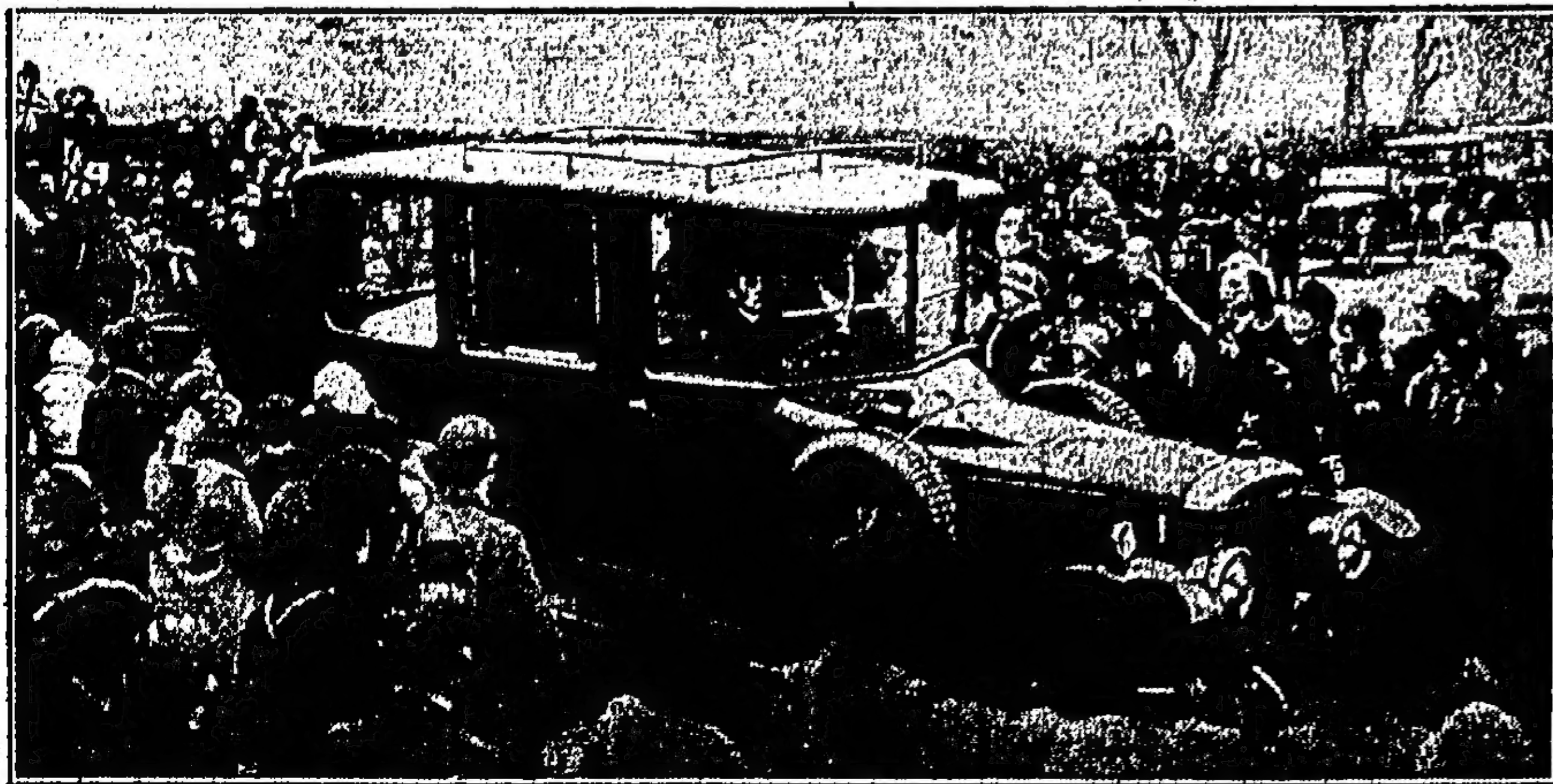
An Irish passing movement on the English 25 yard line during the International Rugby football match at Twickenham. T. Murray is seen with the ball and on his right are R. W. Smodde, the English right wing three-quarter, and J. E. Arigho, the Irish left wing three-quarter (extreme right). Ireland won by two tries (six points) to a goal (five points), their first victory at Twickenham. (Times copyright).



One of the Empire Marketing Board's displays at the British Industries Fair. Our photograph shows H. M. Queen with the Prince Mary of Wales and Prince George, standing by the display during their visit. Mr. Amory, Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs, is seen on the right. (Times copyright).



The Troytown Handicap Steeplechase at Lingfield Park, resulted a dead-heat by Transit and Gate Book, National. Our picture shows the field taking the first jump. (Times copyright).



The motor ambulance in which H. R. H. King George travelled to Craigwell House, near Bognor, from Buckingham Palace, arriving at Aldwick at the end of the journey. His Majesty was greeted with sympathetic cheers by huge crowds lining the roads along which he passed. (Times copyright).



Mr. J. F. Brennan, the British Consul-General at Canton, who is leaving for Home on leave.



Lieut. Ahrenberg, a Swedish airman, who plans to fly the Atlantic in June. He will try to fly direct from Stockholm.



A young contortionist performing his trick, a familiar scene in China at almost any time of the year.



M. Avenol, representative of the League of Nations, pictured with Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang at Mukden.

## New Ties for Spring.

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### MISCELLANEOUS.

PICTURE EXHIBITION at Komor and Komor. Water colours, Pastels and Oil paintings by the foremost artists will open Tuesday the 3rd April, for ten days only.

CLOSING SALE at Fook Weng & Co., China Building, Hongkong, for Canton Shaws, Swatow Linen, Silk and every description of Oriental Art Objects.

### FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—Harley-Davidson complete with comfortable side-car, perfect running order. Bargain to immediate purchaser. Write Box No. 496, care of "Hongkong Telegraph."

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TO LET OR FOR SALE.—At Fanling (in On Lok Village), furnished or unfurnished, 4 roomed HOUSE with Garden and Garage. Moderate Price. Apply KWONG SANG HONG, Ltd., 250, Des Voeux Road Central.

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The above prices include delivery charges to destination.

## New Advertisements

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

### NOTICE

On Friday, the 29th March, and Easter Monday, the 1st April, all Departments will be CLOSED.

On these days,

The Hongkong Dispensary, Dispensing Department, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 7.30 p.m.

On Saturday, the 30th March, all Departments will be open as usual.

Hongkong, 27th March, 1929.

## Rosenstock's Directory of South China.

This Directory has now arrived in Hongkong and may be obtained at our offices. Subscribers will have their directories delivered by chit coolie within the next few days. Those who are in urgent need of directories should send to our offices in the Exchange Building.

### MILLINGTON LTD.

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### BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with ordinance No. 5 of 1912, The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of public business on Friday, Saturday and Monday, the 29th, 30th March and 1st April, (Easter Holidays).

### HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The second Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 30th March and on Monday, 1st April, 1929, commencing at 2 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1 per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their badges to obtain admission to the members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, at \$5 each per day up to Thursday, 28th March, 1929.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be \$2. per day.

Each member can obtain, upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

### G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of April, 1929, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

### PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Lots	Boundary Measurements	Area	Upst. Price
1	Lot 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.	100,000 sq. ft.	\$1.00

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

Of the Valuable Leasehold Properties situate at Victoria, Hongkong, and known as Nos. 62A, 64, 66 and 68 Queen's Road Central and Nos. 19 and 21 Stanley Street, Victoria, Hongkong, erected upon Inland Lot No. 7. Area 10,910 square feet. Annual Crown Rent \$190.00.

To Be Sold in One Lot

Public Auction

on THURSDAY, the 18th day of April, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m.

by

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa at the China Auction Rooms, 2A, D'Aguilar Street, Victoria, Hongkong.

For further Particulars and Conditions of Sale. Apply to—

Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, Solicitors for the Vendors

or to

Mr. E. V. M. R. de Sousa The Auctioneer, Hongkong, 23th March, 1929.

## CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

SERVICE CONTRACTUELS DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

The Steamship,

"CHENONCEAUX"

Arrived Hongkong on 28th March, 1929, from MARSEILLES & C.

Consignees of Cargo by the above named steamer are hereby informed that their goods with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hongkong Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the goods are landed. Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to rent.

All claims must be sent to the undersigned before the Saturday the 6th April, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the consignees, and the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard and Douglas at 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday the 3rd April, 1929.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns. No fire insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS,

Agent,

Hongkong, 28th March, 1929.

## COMING!



Oilma Banky in the Awakening of Love

LOUIS WOLHEIM WALTER BYRON TO THE QUEEN'S Watch for Opening date.

## Lammert's Auctions

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

### TO-DAY.

the 28th March, 1929, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

comprising:—Teak Hatstand, Glass Cabinet, Chesterfield Couch and Armchairs, Bookcase, Gramophones, Carpets, Rugs, Tricycle, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Decks, Electrical Ware, Porcelain and Brass Ware, etc., etc.

Teak Dining Tables, Dining Chairs, Sideboards, Dinner Wagons, Ice Chests, Dinner Crockery, Glass Ware, Kitchen Utensils, Filters, etc., etc.

Teak Iron and Brass Bedstead with Mattresses, Single and Double Wardrobes, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Toilet Crockery, Linen Cupboard, Blankets, etc., etc.

also A Quantity of Blackwood Furniture and Two Sextants.

Catalogues will be issued. On View from Wednesday, the 27th March, 1929.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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### TO-DAY.

the 28th March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

One Harley Davidson Flat Twin Motor Cycle, 4 H.P. Electric Model

and One Triumph Combination.

On View on Day of Sale.

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### PUBLIC AUCTION.

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### TO-DAY.

the 28th March, 1929, at 3 o'clock p.m.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

One Ingersoll-Rand 7"x30" Type 20, Portable Air Compressor, Gasoline Engine Driver, mounted on wooden skids complete. Horse Power 26, Air Pressure 100 lbs. per square inch gauge; Capacity 160 c. ft. per minute (for operating pneumatic rock drills, rebitting hammers, etc., etc.)—now stored at The Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company's Yard, Chatham Road, Kowloon.

For further particulars and inspection orders, apply to the undersigned. Terms:—Cash on Delivery. LAMMERT BROS., Auctioneers.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

### on WEDNESDAY,

the 3rd April, 1929, commencing at 10.30 a.m. at the Standard Oil Company's Installation, Lai-chikok.

A Large Quantity of Surplus Stores.

comprising:—Anchor, Brass Bushing, Burner (complete Fuel Oil Burning Outfit) Leather Belting, Watchman Clocks, Westinghouse Dynamoes, Engines, Faucets, Hydrant, S. G. Revolving Hammers, Wire Wound Hose, R. H. Lace, Motor, Pipe Threading Machine, Rotary Pumps, Screw Drivers, Screws, Hand Taps, Tees, Spar Varnish, Valves, Delco Lighting Plant, etc., etc.

and A Quantity of Furniture.

including:—Decks, Dressing Tables, Sideboards, Washing Tables, Wardrobes, Door Mats, Mattings, Electric Ceiling and Table Fans, Tables, etc., etc.

On View from Tuesday, the 2nd April, 1929.

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## SHARE PRICES.

### TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

### Banks.

Hongkong Bank, \$1245 s.  
Chartered Bank, \$204 b.  
Mercantile A. & B., \$241 n.  
P. and O. \$291 n.  
East Asia \$301 n.

### Insurances.

Canton Ins., \$695 b.  
Union Ins., \$383 b.  
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.  
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.  
China Underwriters, \$2.47 s.  
China Fire, \$290 b.  
H. K. Fire Ins., \$753 b.

### Shipping.

Douglases, \$36 n.  
H. K. Steamboats, \$26 s.  
H. K. Tugs, \$2.40 n.  
Indo-China, (Def) \$32 n.  
Union Waterboats, \$221 n.

### Mining.

Bonguots, \$2.75 b.  
Kallans, 63/9 n.  
Langkats, Tls. 14 n.  
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 3.00 s.  
Rauhs, \$7.10 n.  
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

### Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$126 s.  
Whampoa Docks, \$37 s.  
China Providents, \$4.65 s.  
Hongkows, Tls 169 b.  
New Engineering, Tls. 4.85 b.  
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 117 b.

### Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 13. b.  
Orientals, Tls. 2 n.  
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 72 (old) n.

### Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.20 s.  
H. K. Lands, \$63 b.  
S'hai Lands Tls. 169 b.  
Humphreys, \$41 b.  
Realities, \$8.60 n.

### Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$181 b.  
Peak Trams, (old) \$121 b.  
Star Ferries, \$68 s.  
China Lights, (Old) \$19.80 b.  
H. K. Electric, \$59 n.  
Macao Electric, \$281 n.  
Telephones \$7.10 n.  
China Buses, Tls 13. b.  
Singapore Traction, 11/6 n.

### Industrials.

China Sugars, \$1.05 s.  
Malabons, \$30 b.  
Canton Ice, \$2 s.  
Cements (Comb.) \$8.70 s.  
Ropes (Old) \$71 n.  
United Asbestos \$5 n.

### Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$201 s.  
Watsons, \$14 b.  
Der A. Wings, \$80 b.  
Lane Crawfords, \$21 s.  
Macintosh, \$20 n.  
Sinceros, \$11 b.

### Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$25.00 b.  
Constructions, \$125 s.  
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 61%  
H.K.G. Loan 61% Prem. Interest.

## THE KUOMINTANG.

### COMPLETION OF MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES.

Nanking, Mar. 27. At this morning's session of the Kuomintang Congress, Yang Shu-chwang, Fang Chen-wu, Chao Tai-wen, Chow Chi-kan, Chen Li-fu, Liu Chai-wen, Chen Chao-yin, Liu Lu-yin, Ting Wen-feng, Tseng Yan-fu and Pan Chiao-hui were elected to the Central Executive Council, thus completing the thirty-six members required. The Mongolian delegate, Ungke Tatu, was elected to the Central Control Committee, completing the twelve members of this body.—Reuter.

Marshal Li Expelled. Nanking, later. The Kuomintang Congress has adopted a motion that Li Chai-sun, Li Chung-yan, Pei Chung-hsi, Hu Tsung-tsu and other Hankow members should all be expelled from the Party. The closing ceremony of the Congress is to be held to-morrow morning.—Reuter.



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## POST OFFICE NOTICE

### RADIO NOTICES.

The Radio Office is now situated on the ground floor of the P. & O. Building on Des Voeux Road, next to the General Post Office. This office is open day and night.

All particulars as to ships in communication, rates, etc., may be obtained at the Radio Office as above. Radio Telegrams may be sent to Europe, America, Philippine Islands, Dutch East Indies and many other destinations; also to Canton and many places in South China. Full particulars at the Radio Office.

Individuals and firms are recommended to register their telegraphic addresses at the Radio Office. No charge is made for this. Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so subscribed.

REGISTERED and PARCELS MAILS are closed 15 minutes earlier than time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

It is hereby notified that on and after 1st January, 1929:—

(a) the radio rate on messages to Macao will be 10 cents per word, and

(b) the charges on messages to all Ship Stations, irrespective of Nationality, will be on the basis of a word rate, pure and simple, with no minimum charge.

Direct wireless communication has now been established between Hongkong and the Kiangsi Stations at Wuchow, Nanking and Luchow—the charge is \$0.30 per word. Messages will also be accepted for Kwai-Yang and Changsha by above routes—the charge being \$0.30 per word. No charge will be collected from the addressee for the delivery service.

Wedding cakes for transmission by post to places outside the Colony must be securely packed in tin boxes. It is hereby notified that on and after 15th March, the rates for radio telegrams from Hongkong to the undermentioned places in Kwangtung Province (except Canton) will be as follows:—

Kowloon ..... \$0.30 per word.

via Canton ..... \$0.20 per word.

direct ..... \$0.20 per word.

In both cases the addressee will be required to pay an additional charge due to the Receiving Station of \$0.20 per word; this charge also applies to radiotelegrams received at Hongkong from Pakhoi, Swatow, Hoihow, Sannai and Chingshan.

### EASTER HOLIDAYS.

On Good Friday, the 29th March, the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Saturday, the 30th March, the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to 10.30 a.m., Kowloon Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

On Easter Monday, the 1st April, the G.P.O. will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Kowloon Branch Post Office from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., and the other Branch Post Offices from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes, and one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day as on Sundays, and one delivery of registered correspondence each day as on Sundays.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

### INWARD MAILS.

From For Due.  
Japan, Shanghai, and Europe via Siberia, London, 7th and 8th March..... Tokyo Maru ..... March 28.  
Shanghai and Amoy ..... Luchow ..... March 28.  
Straits ..... Tientsin ..... March 28.  
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai ..... Emp. of France ..... March 29.  
Shanghai ..... Malwa ..... March 29.  
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai ..... Pres. Lincoln ..... March 29.  
Straits ..... Lahore ..... March 29.  
Japan ..... Canada Maru ..... March 30.  
Shanghai and Swatow ..... Nanchang ..... March 30.  
Straits ..... Kamo Maru ..... April 1.  
Manila ..... Pres. Grant ..... April 1.  
Shanghai ..... Calchas ..... April 2.  
Japan ..... Kanagawa Maru ..... April 4.

### OUTWARD MAILS.

For Date and Time.  
Sam Shui and Wuchow ..... Kowchow ..... Thurs., Mar. 28, 4.30 p.m.  
Hoihow, Pakhoi and Haiphong ..... Linchow ..... Thurs., Mar. 29, 5 p.m.  
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia ..... Mantau ..... Fri., Mar. 29, 10.30 a.m.  
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island St. Albans ..... Fri., Mar. 29, 11.15 a.m.  
Parcels ..... 11.15 a.m.  
Registration ..... 11.15 a.m.  
Letters ..... Noon.  
(Due Thursday Island, 13th April.)

Manila ..... Emp. of France Fri., Mar. 29, Noon.  
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow ..... Haiyang ..... Fri., Mar. 29, Noon.  
Manila ..... Pres. Lincoln ..... Sat., Mar. 30, 10 a.m.  
Haiphong ..... Campinas ..... Sat., Mar. 30, 10 a.m.  
Shanghai ..... Chusan ..... Sat., Mar. 30, 10 a.m.  
Amoy ..... Anhui ..... Sat., Mar. 30, 10 a.m.  
Sailong, Ceylon,







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HIGHLY RECOMMENDED BY THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.  
Guaranteed to contain the amount of  
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	Price
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### TRAFFIC CONTROL.

If we are to judge by the remarks made at the annual meeting of the Automobile Association in Shanghai, motorists there are by no means satisfied with the traffic control exercised in the Settlement. The most dangerous menace of all, according to Mr. Gordon Lowder, who presided at the meeting, is faulty traffic direction, and he added that the constables entrusted with this work are not efficient in their duties. The need of expert training was stressed, and it was further stated that numerous infringements of regulations occur daily under the very eyes of the police, which are never reported, so that the culprit gets off scot free. Needless obstructions on footpaths, forcing pedestrians into the roadways and thereby adding to the danger to life and limb, were also complained of. So strongly does the Association feel on the subject, that it is intended to press for the appointment of a Commission to investigate the whole question of traffic control, and a detailed report is being prepared, with recommendations, which will be presented to the Commission if and when it sits.

Hongkong's traffic problems are, of course, not nearly so big as Shanghai's. In the Northern settlement, there is such a rush of pedestrian and vehicular traffic that the most elaborate arrangements have to be made for its control. Here the position is much simpler, although there are centres where the congestion is almost chronic. Some of Shanghai's complaints could be remedied here, although it must be conceded that by degrees the control of our traffic is improving. There are, however, some spots which appear to defy both the regulations system as well as those who operate it. Garden Road is a notable example, for, despite all that has been done in the way of experimenting, this is still one of the danger spots of the Colony. Traffic tangles are frequent there, and the same can be said to a lesser extent of a few other points. On the whole, the police on traffic duty are, we are informed by motorists, fairly efficient, although every now and again a constable is encountered who is more stupid than the majority. The trouble with some of the men is that they apparently know little, if anything, of what the driving

of a motor-car means; did they possess this knowledge by actual experience they would in all likelihood render better service. Such matters as holding up a car going uphill in favour of another coming down, beckoning a car to come on when the signal is against it, failure to signal with absolute distinctness, etc., are some of the complaints made against the traffic police. It has, in fairness, to be added that the huge number of motor vehicles using the restricted roads on the island makes the task of our traffic controllers by no means easy, and we think it will be generally agreed that, as a body, the traffic police are becoming increasingly efficient. Possibly there is a tendency on the part of motorists to magnify the faults of individual constables and to overlook the general standard of excellence maintained. It is, perhaps, human nature to note defects and to pass over good work which calls for no comment.

There is one point in the business centre which is often the scene of unnecessary traffic tangles—the junction of Wyndham Street and Queen's Road. Here the chair coolies rush down the hill into the main thoroughfare on the least sign of a probable fare, causing absolute confusion to which the police seldom, if ever, pay the least attention. Private rickshas are also often permitted to stand on the pavement in front of Asiatic Building, forcing pedestrians on to the street. We suggest that if a sharp eye were kept on this point, something like order might be evolved out of the chaos which so often prevails.

### Factory Conditions.

Hongkong is no exception to the rule which applies wherever the Union Jack flies aloft, in that we pride ourselves on the general excellence of factory conditions in the Colony. It is one of the guiding principles of British colonial administration which is admired, even by Britain's keenest critics, that, having brought our subjects to an understanding of British justice and the amount they are expected to contribute to the cost of administration, we soon turn to the expense of the proprietors, and heavy penalties are imposed in default. We have been rather surprised, however, to learn in the course of a case brought under the Ordinance governing local factories, that no power is granted to close down premises where serious dangers exist. The culprit was the proprietor of a felt hat manufactory, and the prosecution charged him with failure to provide a fence for machinery belts, asking for the imposition of the maximum penalty, which was done. This, however, seemed to be a minor point. The prosecution stated that Government officials made a surprise visit to the premises, which consist of a series of Chinese tenement houses converted into a factory, and "found them in an appalling state." To use the words of the officer in charge of the case, "the entire building simply vibrated and no precautionary measures had been taken to ensure the safety of the employees." Later on, it was said that the factory was a public nuisance and should be closed down, but it was added, the Ordinance did not empower such steps and the Magistrate was not in a position to make any order to that effect. If there has been no exaggeration, if an accurate description of the state of affairs has been given, we must confess to astonishment that the authorities find their hands tied. We are inclined to the view, however, that somewhere in our voluminous Ordinances the power to close down premises in the condition described must exist, and if steps are not taken to rectify matters, the power should be exercised.

Prof. H. P. Shastri, Ph. D., will speak on "Our Quest" at the weekly public lecture to be held at the Theosophical Society, 7 Queen's Road Central, to-day at 8 p.m.

### DAY BY DAY.

ALL GIRLS ARE ALIKE EXCEPT THE ONE YOU HAPPEN TO BE ENGAGED TO.  
—Basil Reynolds.

H.M.S. Bluebell has left Singapore for Port Swettenham.

H.M.S. Cumberland has arrived at Nanking from Hongkong.

H.M. ships Sterling and Stormcloud have arrived here from Amoy.

H.M.S. Kent, flying the flag of the Commander-in-Chief, has left Shanghai for Hongkong.

The U.S. gunboat Tutuila is still aground on the Yangtze. H.M.S. Torn is now alongside her.

There will be no issue of the Hongkong Telegraph to-morrow (Good Friday). The next publication will be on Saturday.

Yesterday's return of notifiable diseases shows three cases of small-pox (one British and two Chinese), and one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

The Vice-Chancellor of the Hongkong University (Mr. W. W. Hornell, C.I.E., M.A.) will deliver an address at the speech day of the Diocesan Boys' School on Saturday, April 13.

The Clover Flower Shop is showing a special collection of cut flowers and pot plants for Easter. The shop will be open on Saturday for those who wish to make purchases on that day.

The Peking Society of Natural History has elected Mr. A.H. Crook of Hongkong as a Fellow in recognition of keen interest and meritorious research work in the field of natural history in China.

In imposing a fine of \$2 on a Chinese who was charged before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, with riding a bicycle on the wrong side of the road, his Worship remarked that there was too much disregard of this regulation. He himself said it every time he rode in a bus.

In connexion with the murder of an Indian, named Harcharan Singh, which took place on the Kowloon Road, Shanghai, between the 6th and 7th inst. a notification has been received by the police authorities here that the reward of \$1,000 recently offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the authors of the crime has been doubled.

A Japanese named Tajima was fined \$5, or seven days' hard labour, by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning, on a charge of being found drunk and incapable. In reply to his Worship as to whether the defendant was obstreperous, Sergeant Barnicle said he was found lying on the roadway and was very quiet. The defendant, it was stated, had been before the Court on several previous occasions.

On leaving recently for home by the s.s. Khiva, Mr. M. O'Connor, of the staff of Queen's College, was made the recipient of a Duffoon, 5 feet in length and with a bowl over 12 inches in height and an internal diameter of about 10 inches, weighing 50lb. This perfectly shaped pipe, from his colleagues, was locally made and polished, to represent a real brier and caused quite a sensation on the Colony on its journey to the boat. To anchor it safely in the saloon required the combined efforts of three of the staff.

## 31 COMMON ERRORS IN BRIDGE AND HOW TO CORRECT THEM by W.W. Wentworth

PLAYING WRONG CARD FROM DUMMY.  
North (Dummy)—  
♠ 10 6  
♥ 9 4  
♦ 4 3 2  
♣ 7 4 2  
West—  
Leads ♥ 7  
East—  
South (Declarer)—  
♠ A K Q  
♥ A 10 5  
♦ K J 9 8  
♣ K Q 9

The Bidding: South bids no-trump. West passes. North passes. East bids two diamonds. South bids two no-trump and all pass.

Deciding the Play: West leads 7 of hearts. Applying the Rule of Eleven Declarer knows East holds no card higher than 7 of

### STOLEN WATCH AND CHAIN.

FALLS FROM LEG OF TROUSERS.

A gold watch and chain were produced as the subject of a charge of unlawful possession brought against an unemployed Chinese before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith, at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning. The defendant was originally charged with larceny as well, but the more serious count was later dropped by the police.

Detective Sergeant Humphreys told his Worship that at 4.30 a.m. yesterday the alarm was raised on board the s.s. President Jefferson that a theft had been committed.

### THE "TELEGRAPH" ART SUPPLEMENT.

Big Variety of Topical Pictures.

Saturday's issue of the Telegraph Art Supplement will again contain a wide variety of pictures of topical interest, covering the main happenings of the current week.

There will be quite a batch of illustrations of the St. John Ambulance Brigade inspection, showing H.E. the Governor keenly interested in the display, making presentations and inspecting the Corps, as well as the stretcher-bearers at work.

Of sporting events, there will be pictures of the University and Queen's College sports, the Club v. Army Rugby football match, the A.P.C. and Union Insurance Mess cricket teams and the Fanling Hunt Grand National Meeting.

The weddings of Mr. J. Moodie and Miss Anne Tolan, as well as of Lieut. Agutter and Miss Hogg (at Shamoon) will be illustrated, whilst other pictures will include the departure of the Queen's Regiment, the tombstone erected by the Hongkong Government to the memory of Mr. H. Conway, who was killed by West River pirates last year, and the officers and men of H.M. submarine L20.

Coming down from an upper deck, an Indian watchman saw a Chinese running and had him arrested. While the Indian was searching the man, a gold watch and chain fell from his trousers leg. A Chinese passenger later arrived on the scene and claimed the watch. The man had since left with the Jefferson, but the watch was placed in the custody of the Police.

On conviction, his Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour, the defendant having a previous conviction for larceny.

### WHY A BANISHEE RETURNED.

WANTED OWN CHOICE OF DESTINATION.

A Chinese who disobeyed an order of banishment was sent to prison for nine months and further sentenced to receive 12 strokes of the birch by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Central Magistrate's Court this morning.

In reply to his Worship, who asked why he persisted in returning after being banished four times, the man complained that the police did not leave to him the choice of destination, and instead of sending him to Shanghai, which was his native place, deported him to some other place.

## The Very Idea!

Miss Ellen Wilkinson, M.P., who, in her own words, often receives through the post "pleasing little gifts from anonymous donors," had a shock recently.

Someone who evidently kept goats sent the tiny carcass of a kid in a cardboard box, accompanied by a very long letter.

"I did not read the letter carefully," said Miss Wilkinson. "It was signed, and I sent it, together with the box and its contents, to the police. Apparently the sender had a grievance, and I believe her idea was that I should hand the sacrificial animal to the Prime Minister himself!"

"Now, had she sent a live infant goat the present would have been acceptable, even, perhaps, to the Prime Minister. The joy to me would have been in the giving."

"One gets all sorts of letters from cranks and aggrieved ones, but my girl secretary and I were greatly scared. It was because I was so disgusted and shocked that I did not read the letter fully."

"I wish people would not do such things. Often I get flowers sent to me in boot boxes like that which came this morning, and I opened it quite unexpectantly. It was 'playing the goat' with a vengeance. My nerves are pretty good, but I could not stand much of that sort of thing."

While the Judge sentenced Michael Devaney, 37, to 18 months' hard labour at Oxford, he composed the following poem and recited it in court just after the sentence was passed:

"My name is Michael Devaney,  
of no fixed abode.  
Sometimes I'm in prison, some-  
times on the road;  
But never mind, in I go, whether  
I'm old or young  
For I need not shout, I can't get  
out till every day is done.  
That is the place the older my  
face and makes it look so  
pale.  
In I go, yes, in I go, for 18  
months in Oxford gaol."  
At least Michael spared us the  
agony of listening to another  
Prisoner's Song and prepared a  
poem.

A certain gentleman wished to  
take golf lessons, but did not want  
to confess he had never played  
before. Attended by the profes-  
sional and a caddy, he went  
out for his first lesson.

"Have you played before, sir?"  
asked the professional.

"Oh, yes, often, but I'm rusty  
at present."

"Very well, sir, take your stance  
for a start."

The beginner looked at his  
caddy and said, haughtily: "Boy,  
give me my stance."

[Lots of people who wouldn't hurt  
flies in their own home love to  
walk in gore when they go to the  
theatre, says a writer.]

With the voice of a child and  
an eye that is mild

And a manner complacently  
pensive,

And a heart that would ache  
if a careless mistake

Made a bluebottle feel ap-  
prehensive,

When the footlights come on  
all his scruples are gone,

Every instinct becomes diabo-  
lic,

And the play seems a dud unless  
oceans of blood

Have been split for his in-  
nocent frolic.

Nottingham man—I have not  
a son now—he is married.

It's a miserly man who won't  
pay another a compliment.

Italian witness at Clydebank—  
It's a serious thing to get murder-  
ed in your own house.

Policeman at Glasgow—This  
man was walking in front of tram-  
cars and bawling and shouting.  
Magistrate—And could none of  
them hit him?

Chairman at Feltham—You must  
prove that your husband  
has failed to maintain you. Wife—  
Well he has not bought me a  
pair of shoes since we were  
married thirteen years ago. Is  
not that enough?

More schoolboy howlers:  
Our school is ventilated with  
hot currants.

A skeleton is a man with his  
inside out and his outside off.

When there is a parasite in  
the aeroplane the pilot is not  
afraid to jump out.

An official is a cheerful eye  
specialist. A Patriarch is an  
Irish nobleman.

All Scotchmen wear kilts.

The Last Rites of Summer was  
written by the man who wrote  
"Callers Herring."

Wolfe said he would rather  
write an elegy in a country  
churchyard than fight the battle  
of Quebec.



**A.S. WATSON'S HAVE GOOD YEAR.****INCREASE IN DIVIDEND AUTHORISED.****PROVIDENT FUNDS.**

The forty-fourth annual meeting of A. S. Watson and Company, Limited, was held this morning at the Hongkong Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henry Humphreys.

The chairman referred to the improvement in the accounts over the past twelve months and drew attention to an extra one per cent. in the dividend.

**Chairman's Speech.**

Addressing the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen,—Before proceeding with the business of the meeting, I would like to place on record the deep regret your general managers and Directors feel at the loss of Mr. H. P. White, who was associated with the company from April 1904 until his death, and who at all times rendered very good service to it.

The report and statement of accounts and auditors' report having been in your hands for the past eight days, I propose with your permission to take them as read.

The accounts for the financial year ending 31st October 1928, though not so good as we had hoped, show an improvement on the previous twelve months, which in turn was an improvement on the year before that. I do not doubt you will appreciate the extra one per cent. in the dividend.

This year we have made no appropriations either to the European Staff Provident Fund or the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund. As regards the former, I made the following statement at our Annual Meeting of shareholders on 12th March, 1928:—"I trust you will approve of the proposed appropriations for the Staff Provident Fund and Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund. You are familiar with the Staff Provident Fund and the disposition of appropriations to same. It will be necessary to give contributions to this Fund for a few more years, until such time at least, as the fund is big enough to allow the senior members of the staff with over thirty years of service to retire with enough to live upon if they so desire."

**Present Benefits.**

Most of the senior members have either died or retired, and the few that remain have substantial sums to their credit in their Provident Fund Account. We therefore do not propose to ask for any special contributions, in future, from shareholders, but this will not mean, of course, that we shall not continue the half yearly contributions equal to 5% of the salaries of our staff to which the staff likewise contribute 5% of their salaries.

As regards the Chinese Staff Superannuation Fund, there is an amount to credit of that Account of \$23,306.89, which we estimate will be sufficient for at least five years to come, as during the preceding six years, we have only disbursed \$10,350.72.

Turning to the accounts, our properties, with the exception of the Pak Hin Huk factory, Homam Island, stand at the same figure as last year. The increase in that item represents final payments to complete the factory and dwelling house.

**Bad Shipment.**

You will have noticed we have transferred from Contingency Account to Profit and Loss Account \$12,908.76. In 1926, \$20,000 was allocated to Contingency Account to provide for loss on a very bad shipment of Aerated Water bottles from the Dominion Glass Company of Canada; the balance of \$12,908.76 has been transferred to Profit and Loss Account as the losses for which this fund was created have already been borne by that Account.

Other items in the accounts do not appear to call for any special comment.

I trust you will approve of the transfer of \$50,000 to Reserve Fund, which will now stand at \$600,000 or half the issued capital of the Company.

I have no further remarks to make, Gentlemen, and I now propose the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented. After these have been duly seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any question in relation thereto to the best of my ability."

Mr. W. S. Bailey, seconding, said:—"Sir, it is very satisfactory to note that the company has continued to pay dividends regularly in spite of the very adverse conditions of the past few years, and now pays an increased dividend for the past year."

"The accounts appear to reflect credit upon the management and working of the business, which will no doubt continue to improve as trade conditions become more normal."

"I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and (Continued on Page 8.)"

**POLICE RESERVIST REMANDED.****APPEARS AGAIN ON CHARGES OF FRAUD.****CHANGE OF LAWYER.**

Cheung Sam-chong, a Police Reservist, who was remanded at the Central Magistracy on Thursday last on charges arising out of the possession of six plates with which Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes could be forged, appeared again before Major C. Willson this morning.

At the last hearing, accused was represented by Mr. Horace Lo, but Mr. T. Murphy, the Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation, who is prosecuting, informed his Worship to-day that Mr. Lo had indicated that he had received no further instructions in the case.

Mr. Leo D'Almeida e Castro, senior, who was in Court, then notified his Worship that he was appearing for the defence.

The prosecution asked for a week's formal remand, which the Magistrate granted.

It will be recalled that the police raided the first floor of No. 19, Shelley Street on the morning of March 20, as a result of which the defendant was arrested. In addition to a charge of possession of the plates in question, defendant stands charged with conspiring, with others not in custody, to defraud.

Bail was not granted at the previous hearing.

**DEATH OF BISHOP BRENT.****MANY YEARS' SERVICE IN PHILIPPINES.****FINE CAREER ENDS.**

A Reuter's message from New York reports the death, in Switzerland, of the Right Rev. Bishop Charles Henry Brent, D.D., C.B., who was American Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the Philippines from 1901 to 1918 and has since been Bishop of Western New York.

The deceased prelate was born at Newcastle, Ontario, Canada, in 1862, being the son of the Rev. Canon Henry Brent, M.A. He was unmarried. He received his education at Public and High Schools in Newcastle, at Trinity College School, Port Hope, Ontario, and at the University of Trinity College, Toronto. He won many honours, and from 1885 to 1887 he was Undermaster at Trinity College School.

He was ordained a priest in 1887, was curate, St. Paul's Cathedral, Buffalo, N.Y., 1887; St. John's the Evangelist, Boston, Mass., 1888-1891; Assht. Minister, St. Stephen's, Boston, 1891-1901; and was consecrated Bishop in 1901. He was Paddock Lecturer at the General Theological Seminary, New York, 1904; William Belden Noble Lecturer at Harvard, 1907.

Bishop Brent was a member of the Committee appointed by the Philippine Government for investigation of the opium question in the Orient, 1903-4; declined bishopric of Washington, D.C., 1908; declined bishopric of New Jersey, 1914; was Senior Member of the American Delegation to the International Opium Commission in Shanghai, and President of the I.O.C., 1909; Chairman of the American Delegation and President of the Opium Conference at the Hague, 1911; Chief of Chaplain Service G.H.F., A.E.F., 1918-19 (D.S. Medal, Commander Order of Leopold, C.B.); President Continuation Committee, World Conference on Faith and Order, 1920; Duff Lecturer, Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen, 1921; Member Board of Overseers, Harvard University; U.S. Representative to Advisory Committee on Narcotics of the League of Nations, and to the Assembly of the League, 1923.

He was a voluminous writer and his publications included: "With God in the World; The Consolations of the Cross; The Splendour of the Human Body; Liberty and other Sermons; Adventure for God; The Mind of Christ Jesus in the Church of the Living God; Leadership; With God in Prayer; The Sixth Sense; Presence; The Revelation of Discovery; Prisoners of Hope; A Master Builder, being the Life and Letters of Henry Yates Satterlee.

**FRENCH RELIGIOUS BODIES.**

Paris, Mar. 27. With the exception of one relating to the Franciscans, the Chamber has passed all the Religious Congregation Bills authorising missionary Orders to settle in France.—Reuter.

**MUSICAL JOTTINGS.**

Galli-Curci's Recital—Distractions and Interruptions—Godowsky.

[By "ALLEGRO"]

Galli-Curci had every reason to be pleased with her reception in Hongkong. Hers was a bigger "house" than that accorded to any other artist that has visited here, notwithstanding the fact that every seat except those in the gallery cost \$6. It was also an enthusiastic audience as La Argentina performed to, which is saying a great deal. Both those events were backed fully by the Hongkong Musical Society, members of which are very satisfied with the results of its efforts and of the increased advertising which was advocated to Mr. Strok, the impresario, some time back.

Galli-Curci gave a marvellous vocal display and must have created a demand for records of her voice among those who did not possess any before. Coloratura singing appeals to some music-lovers much more than to others; but she varied her programme so as to include several "homely" items which evidently made their appeal to a large section of the audience. One or two were really not worthy of the attention of such a great artist and any critical feelings engendered were concerned more with her selection of a programme than with the manner in which the songs were sung.

One thing is certain, after Monday night's experience Mr. Strok must bring his artists to the Theatre Royal in future. This is not meant in criticism of the Queen's Theatre as a concert hall, although its acoustics leave much to be desired, but there are a number of disturbing factors to be taken into account there which it seems impossible to eliminate. It is not an exaggeration to say that the greater part of the first part of Galli-Curci's recital was absolutely spoiled for most people by the disturbing sounds of Chinese music which found their way into the building in spite of all windows being shut. The traffic makes as much noise outside the Queen's as it does by the Theatre Royal and motor horns continually ruined some soft vocal passages. At one interval there was an energetic display of hammering in the midst of the Mozart aria; at another moment a hectic dog-fight drowned all other noises. Galli-Curci said afterwards that she had to concentrate to the utmost to carry on in some places. It is intolerable that an artist should be expected to sing under such harassing conditions and give of her best, and unfair that the public should be charged top prices and then have their entertainment spoiled. It is only right to add that the management of the Queen's were as concerned about these interruptions as the audience were.

Another thing is certain after Monday's experience. That is, that some people in this Colony will never learn "concert manners." Knowing the propensity of late-comers for trooping in the hall and searching for their seats during the singing of a song or the playing of a piece, and the ineffectiveness of letters to the papers or instructions to Chinese theatre attendants, the Hongkong Musical Society provided four posters to catch the eye of all arrivals, requesting late-comers not to proceed to their seats during the performance of an item. In addition to this, representations were made and agreed to that nobody should be allowed to enter until the end of the first group, the end of the second group, etc. Actually, dozens of people flocked in between the first two songs and instead of remaining still when they found the second song had started, spoiled everyone's pleasure by shuffling about, intent on the discovery of their seats.

Three arrivals stood in the centre gangway and argued as to where their seats were and the best way of getting to them, while poor Galli-Curci did her utmost to capture the attention of her distracted listeners. And it sounded as though several such arguments ensued at the back of the hall. You may think that I am in a bad "grouching" mood this week, but it is discouraging that when the Musical Society goes to the trouble of making the posters, sending them to the hall, arranging for their display and urging that there should be co-operation in putting the request into force, the usual group of late-arrivals should turn up and make their usual unwelcome uproar just as though no steps whatever had been taken to restrain them.

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**FORMAL FUNCTION AT BOGNOR.****ARCHBISHOPS TAKE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE.****HIS MAJESTY BETTER.**

London, Mar. 27.

His Majesty the King held his first official ceremony since his illness at Craigwell House, Bognor, where he received the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, who swore their allegiance.

Mr. Stanley Baldwin, the Premier, made a special trip in order to take part in the ceremony, and he read the oath.

The King descended from his bedroom by lift, and, attended by members of his Suite, received the Premier and the Archbishops in a room on the ground floor. Mr. Baldwin formally introduced the Archbishops and administered the oaths.

The Archbishops, in glittering robes, knelt on crimson cushions and kissed the hand of His Majesty, who stood throughout the ceremony, which lasted only a few minutes. Afterwards, Mr. Baldwin and the Archbishops lunched with Her Majesty the Queen.

In the afternoon, the Premier visited the King in his bedroom and had a long talk.

It was stated this evening that His Majesty had again passed a good day. He walked for some little time in the grounds during the morning. He rested at intervals, but also walked along the sea-wall in front of the house.—Reuter and British Wireless.

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"Oh, lamp shades? Yes, we sell lamp shades!"

**KAI TAK PLANE CRASHES.****SLIGHT INJURIES TO TWO OCCUPANTS.****MISHAP AT SHEK-O.**

A land plane from the Kai Tak aerodrome was missing for several hours yesterday, and it later transpired that the machine had crashed in the vicinity of Shek-O, the three occupants having a fortunate escape. Two of them sustained very slight injuries and the other escaped unhurt.

The machine, one of the three-seater bomber type, went up about nine o'clock yesterday morning in company with other planes and proceeded on a normal routine practice flight.

At that time there was considerable mist and low clouds, flying conditions not being of the best. The aeroplans failed to return to Kai Tak after the usual time for flights of this kind had elapsed, and it was decided to send other machines up to search for the missing plane.

Later, anxiety was increased when calculations showed that if the plane had remained in the air up to that time its petrol supply would be exhausted. Further planes were sent up and two destroyers, the Somme and the Sepoy also joined in the search.

It is understood that the machine was seen over Repulse Bay about eleven o'clock yesterday morning, but after that all trace of it was lost. The search by air was rendered difficult owing to the prevalent mist, but about six o'clock last evening a telephone message was sent to Kai Tak by the occupants, stating that they had crashed earlier in the day at Shek-O but that there were no serious injuries.

The place at which the machine came down was rough country and it took Pilot Officer Somerhaugh and the other two members of the Royal Air Force also in the plane several hours to reach a place from which they could send a message through to Kai Tak announcing their safety.

The machine, it is understood, was wrecked. The cause of the mishap will be investigated at an official inquiry. The despatching of warships to join in the search resulted in rumours of an extraordinary nature yesterday, one being to the effect that a prayer had occurred, whilst another was that Chinese troops were on the border.

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Yokohama	110.110
New York	4.85 9/32
Geneva	25.23
Milan	92.05
Stockholm	18.17
Oslo	18.105
Prague	163.4
Madrid	22.05
Athens	375
Rio	5.27/32
Bombay	1/5 31/32
Hongkong	1/11 1/2
Silver (spot)	26.1/10
Silver (forward)	28.1/8

—British Wireless.

sidered the best that could be expected from amateurs six or seven years ago. A well-performed Bach trio, a virile and enjoyable rendering of Vivaldi's Concerto and a brilliant performance of a Beethoven Sonata by a professional, as instrumental items, are certainly good fare for 50 cents, to say nothing of the vocal numbers. It is to be hoped that the Committee will be as enterprising in arranging the concerts for next season and as fortunate in obtaining good local talent.

There has scarcely been time to try through any of the new arrivals of Columbia records, but I have played and thoroughly enjoyed the second album of Chopin Nocturnes, recorded by Godowsky. This pianist is really an artist. Each work is played in a true musicianly manner, with more thought for an unexaggerated Chopin interpretation than for virtuosity or original effects, and the impression left on the listener is that Godowsky really deserves the reputation of being the greatest living Chopin exponent. To realise his art, it is only necessary to compare any one of these Nocturne records with the playing of Friedman on his latest Columbia disc (Rubenstein's Romanze). Friedman's is an example of commercialised piano-playing, and might be termed "playing to the gallery."

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**THE WORLD OF SPORT**



**SOUTH CHINA LOSE  
TO K.O.S.B.**

**SOMERSETS WIN GIVES THEM  
LEADERSHIP.**

**SURPRISE RESULTS.**

[By "Wanderer."]

The Senior League championship prospects were not clarified by yesterday's matches, in which South China lost to the Borderers, and the Somersets moved to the top by reason of a win over the Club.

The win of the Somersets came as a complete surprise, but South China's downfall was not entirely unexpected.

Three Junior matches were also played, the full list of results being:

Senior Division.	
South China	1 K.O.S.B.
Somersets	2 Club.
Junior Division.	
Navy	3 S. China "B"
Athletic R.A.	8 Kowloon
	2 Eastern

The Senior League table now reads:

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Somersets	17	10	4	3	44	10	24
S. China	17	11	2	4	32	19	24
Athletic	16	9	5	2	35	21	23
Police	16	10	3	3	24	15	23
K.O.S.B.	15	8	3	5	41	21	19
Navy	17	8	1	8	35	25	17
Kowloon	17	5	0	8	17	25	16
Recrelo	17	5	3	9	41	41	13
H.K.F.C.	16	4	5	9	24	42	13
R.A.	16	3	0	10	21	33	12
S. Units	17	0	0	17	13	69	0

**SOUTH CHINA'S LAPSE.**

Borderers Make Great Final Rally.

Unexpectedly bad finishing cost South China two much-required points. In mid-field they were clearly superior, the speed of their movements, both in tackling and intercepting, and in opening up the game, keeping the Borderers on tenterhooks for long periods. In front of goal, however, they seemed to lose touch, Fung King-cheung being the worst offender.

On at least three occasions after South China had equalised their first half deficit, when the whole side was all out and performing splendidly, Fung King-cheung was presented with comparatively easy chances and shot weakly by.

The Borderers deserved to win for the brilliant rally coaxed by McGlinchey from his somewhat tired players in the last five minutes. They swarmed round the South China, and Reeves, who gave his best display for many weeks, showed his mettle. Five minutes from the end, he struck the cross-bar with a terrific drive, three minutes from the end he struck the post, (Pau Ka-ping beaten on both occasions) and one and a half minutes from the end, he scored a perfect goal with a fast drive from fifteen yards range.

I have never seen Reeves give a better display. He revealed a better knowledge of tactics than he has been given credit for, swinging the ball to his wing men with marked judgment and always pressing on the backs. Stock, also, was in good form, his combination with Skiggs provided one of the brightest things in the Borderers' exhibition.

Stock opened the scoring in the first half, with a dropping shot which Pau should have saved. Pau tried to get it with one hand when he appeared to have time to use two.

South China were in the doldrums for a sort of spell, but applied very strong pressure after the interval, their equaliser being well deserved. Gardner deflected the ball past McDougall, who had darted to the right to save a fast drive by Lau Mau.

The work of the South China wingers was delightful to watch, and had the inside men been in shooting form, the result would have been vastly different. The result is by no means a criterion of what is likely to happen when the sides meet again.

Both sides were well-balanced, and it was tough and go throughout. South China were the more likely-looking side because of their greater smartness on the ball. Mr. Hollands handled the game

**LAWN TENNIS.**

**ONLY THREE MATCHES  
PLAYED YESTERDAY.**

Three matches were played in the Hongkong C.C. lawn tennis tournament yesterday, two in the "A" and one in the "B" handicaps.

The game in which chief interest was taken was that between H. V. Parker and J. G. Lawrie. The latter won the first set without the loss of a single game, but was forced to concede the second. The third he won fairly comfortably. J. Barrow defeated O. E. C. Marton in two straight sets and E. R. Price beat L. A. R. Duncan.

The full results are as follows:  
Handicap Singles "A": J. G. Lawrie (own 3/0) beat H. V. Parker (rec. 2/6) 6-0, 4-0, 6-2; J. Barrow (rec. 3/0) beat O. E. C. Marton (own 3/6) 6-2, 6-0.

Handicap Singles "B": E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) beat L. A. R. Duncan (own 5/6) 6-4, 6-4.

**Today's Matches.**

The following matches are down for to-day:  
Open Singles Championship: L. Goldman v Cheng Chai-wing; J. Hale v Lim Peng-chin.  
Open Doubles Championship: S. A. and H. D. Rumjahn v T. Honda and T. Akiyama.  
Club Championship: S. E. Green v L. Forster.

Handicap Singles "B": T. J. Price (own 2/0) v E. J. R. Mitchell (own 5/6); E. R. Price (rec. 4/6) v A. C. I. Bowker (own 2/6).

Handicap Mixed Doubles: A. Piercy and Mrs. Piercy (rec. 4/6) v H. V. Parker and Miss D. Stanton (own 2/6).

**Friday's Matches.**

Two matches are down for Friday, both in the Open Singles Championship. S. A. Rumjahn and J. S. McEachern will meet for the third time and M. K. Le will oppose H. D. Rumjahn. Both are replays.

**CRICKET.**

**UNIVERSITY SECONDS TO  
MEET CLUB SECONDS.**

The following will represent the University 2nd XI in a friendly match against the Hongkong Cricket Club on Saturday, at 2 p.m. at Pokfulam: F. Hopkirk (Capt.), A. Baker, S. R. Karaman, H. T. Barnes, A. Chan Fook, A. A. Aziz, H. E. Adams, C. Candah, F. Fernando, A. Rodrigues and A. Normanboy.

**LOCAL HOCKEY.**

Owing to the fact that to-morrow is Good Friday, the hockey match arranged between the Club "A" and the University 2nd XI has been cancelled.

well, though it threatened at one period to get out of hand.

**THREE PENALTIES.**

**Somersets Win Unexpectedly.**

No fewer than three penalties were awarded in the first half of the match between the Somerset L.I. and the Club, two against the Club. Goldman opened the scoring from a penalty. Rayson failed to convert a similar award the other way a few minutes later, and before the interval, Knapp equalised from a penalty.

The Somersets were testing one or two fresh players and there was a noticeable improvement. The Club, however, were very unlucky to go down, exerting strong pressure in the second half.

Butcher got the winning goal from a breakaway.

The Senior League matches arranged for this afternoon have been further postponed.

**Kowloon Teams.**

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club 1st XI v. K.O.S.B. on Soekunpoo Ground on Saturday, kick off at 4.45 p.m.:—Bliss; Guest, Pike; Downman; Easterbrook, Hast; Eastman, Hedley, Hannan, McKelvie and Miles, Reserve: Morgan.

The following will represent the Kowloon Football Club 2nd XI v. R.A. on Kowloon Football Club Ground on Saturday, kick off at 3.00 p.m.:—Angus; Moore, Nicholls; Seddon, Campbell, Waddington; Hutchinson, McIntyre, King, Clemo, Blacklock. Reserve: Murphy.

**NANKING FORCES IN  
RETREAT.**

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night, when the majority of the Kwangsi leaders were present.

It was unanimously decided to mobilise against Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in consequence of his detention of Marshal Li Chai-sum. It is stated that General Li Chung-yeu will probably fly to Hankow in a day or two.

Rumours have been in circulation that General Chan Ming-shih's troops, the 11th Army, were disloyal to Marshal Li Chai-sum but this is officially denied by Gen. Tang-Sai-chang, the Chief of police.—Nam Chung Poo.

**Authoritative Denial.**

Shanghai, Mar. 27. A Nanking message despatched at 4.30 p.m. states that the rumours of the death of Li Chai-sum are authoritatively denied.—Reuter.

**Chiang at the Front.**

Shanghai, Mar. 27. It has been confirmed that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek left Nanking yesterday afternoon for Pukow en route to Kiukiang, in Kiangsi, on a Chinese gunboat. He is to confer with General Chu Pei-teh in Kiangsi and will assume the position of Commander-in-Chief of the Nanking troops on the right flank, directing some 80,000 soldiers, whilst the left flank will be entrusted to General Chu Pei-teh, who is to lead 100,000 men into Hupeh.

**A Denunciation.**

Nanking, Mar. 27. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek delivered a stirring address shortly before closing the last general session of the Kuomintang Congress this afternoon.

He denounced Li Chai-sum, Li Chung-yeu and Pei Chung-hai as traitors to the Party and Government. Chiang Kai-shek said he was leaving immediately for the front personally to direct the expedition against the Kwangsi faction.

At the conclusion of his speech many delegates rose and cheered, and shouted "Down with the Kwangsi clique."

Judging from his speech, Chiang Kai-shek is going to the front to-night or to-morrow morning.—Reuter.

**A. S. WATSON'S HAVE  
GOOD YEAR.**

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statement of accounts as presented.

The report and statement of accounts were passed unanimously. The chairman proposed the resolution of The Hon. Sir Shou-nan Chow, Mr. R. E. Coxon and Mr. J. Scott Harston to the Board of Directors. This was seconded by Mr. J. M. Alves and carried unanimously.

The election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown and Mr. S. T. Butlin as auditors to the Company was passed unanimously on the proposal of Mr. F. W. Stapleton, seconded by Mr. J. D. Humphreys.

Those present at the meeting were as follows:—Mr. Henry Humphreys (Chairman), Sir Shou-nan Chow, Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. R. E. Coxon (Directors), Mr. J. A. Tarrant (Secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, P. Wong, D. E. Clarke, J. D. Humphreys, J. M. Alves, O. Kitchell, G. A. Lawrence, D. Wilson and J. M. Wong.

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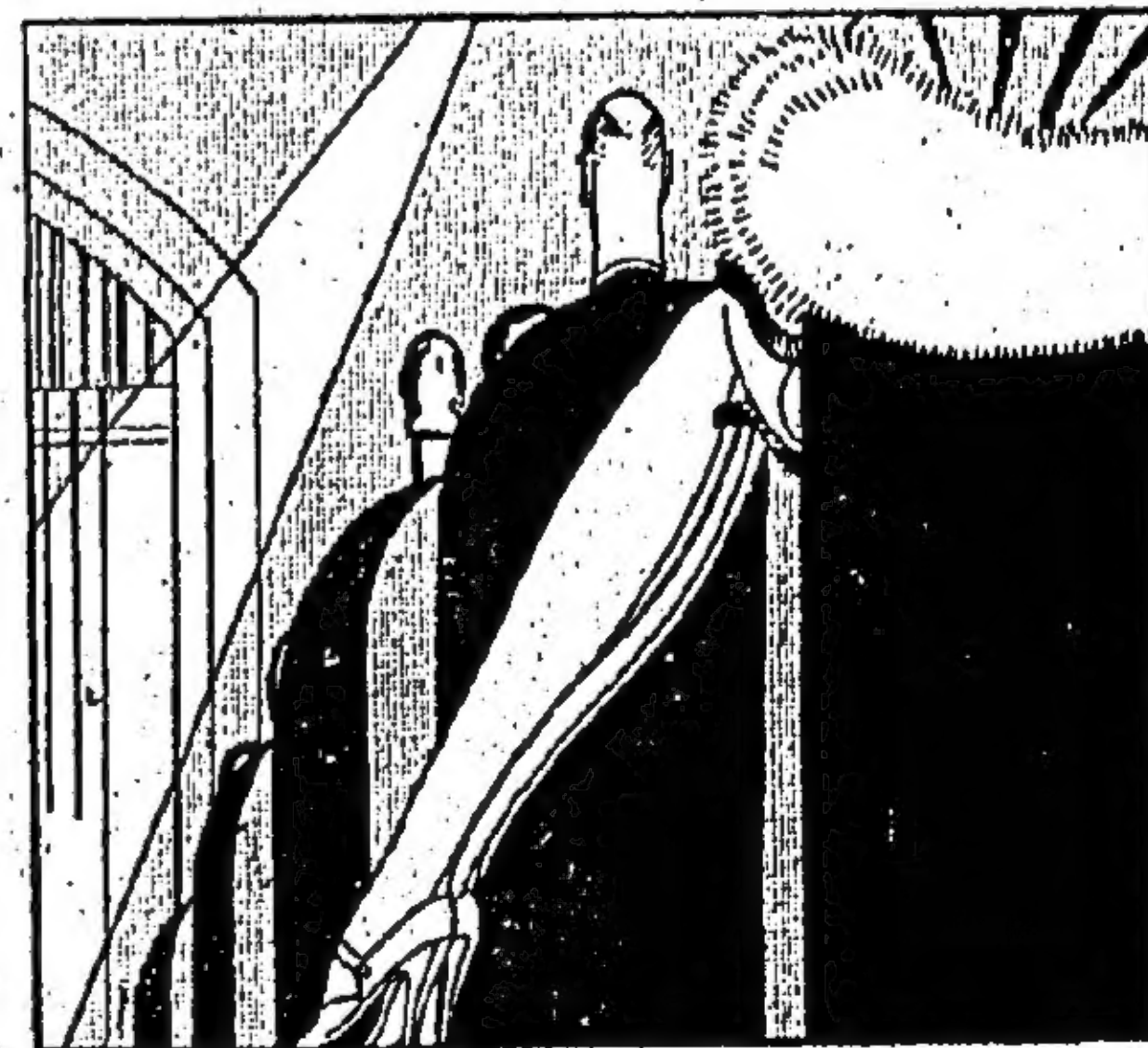
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**EMPIRE UNITY IN  
AFRICA.**

**SIR SAMUEL WILSON TO  
PAY A VISIT.**

London, Mar. 27. Mr. L. M. S. Amery, Colonial Secretary, stated in the House of Commons to-day that he proposed to ask Sir Samuel Wilson, Permanent Under-Secretary of the Colonial Office, to proceed to East Africa as soon as possible to discuss the recommendations made by Sir Hilton Young's Commission for the closer union of Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda.—British Wireless.



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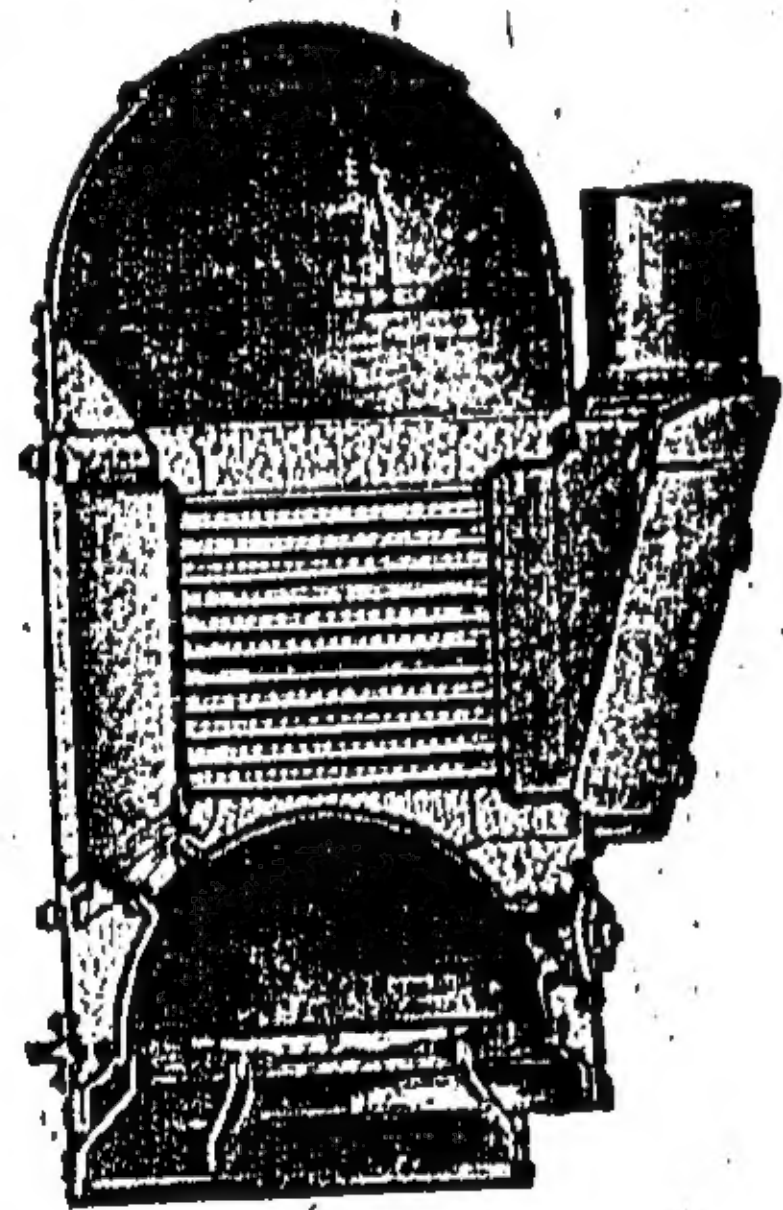
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### TREVESA TROPHY.

FINE RACE WON BY S.S.  
HAIYANG BOAT.

The Spring race for the Trevesa Trophy was rowed yesterday afternoon, there being nine entries, and it was won for the third time by a crew from the s.s. Haiyang (Douglas Steamship Company) with Mr. Twibill as cox. Second place was obtained by the Dutch vessel, the Van Heutas (K.P.M.) and the third to place the finishing line was the s.s. Kwaiyang (Jardine's).

The race was splendidly rowed and sailed, but did not produce any excitement, the first three boats in maintaining that order from the beginning with the winner holding a substantial lead from shortly after the start.

For the first time in the history of the race, last-minute entries were received, both coming from vessels which were at anchor, a short distance from the starting point, Channel Rock. These crews were from the s.s. Haiyang and the s.s. Van Heutas and their entries were only known when it was observed that the competing boats were being lowered from the vessels. To speed up the start these entries were towed to the starting line.

One entry was disqualified because there was on board a white crew instead of an Asiatic crew, but nevertheless the men rowed the course. This was from the s.s. Gams. The time taken to cover the course, was as follows:

1. Haiyang, Mr. Twibill (Douglas) 49.55.
2. Van Heutas, Mr. W. F. Kraan (K.P.M.) 50.58.
3. Kwaiyang, Mr. A. J. Piggott (Jardine's) 53.07.
4. Kumsang, Mr. H. Blasquiere (Jardine's) 54.02.
5. Cheong Shing, Capt. D. G. Burleigh (Jardine's) 54.27.
6. Kwang Tung, Mr. E. S. Com-Deli (B. & S.) 56.13.
7. Linan, Capt. W. J. Larter (B. & S.) 56.50.
8. Henry Keswick, Mr. Groundwater (Kowloon Dock) 62.45.
9. Linan, Mr. G.E.M. Ramsey (B. & S.) 69.35.

The judges were Commodore R.A.S. Hill, R.N., Commodore A.L. Shields and the Hon. Mr. A.C. Hynes, Chief Yeoman of Signals Butland was the timekeeper.

The course was—Channel Rocks, Kowloon Rock (B.), mark boat off Yacht Club (S.), Cuck Rock gas buoy (P.), finish at Yacht Club. The Race. Shortly after the start the three first boats in led the rest, with Mr. Twibill's crew gradually gaining a lead, which was substantial by the time Kowloon Rock was reached. There was practically no change in the positions until approaching the mark boats, when Mr. Twibill steered a course to bring him on the inside of the mark boat. He suddenly realised his mistake and altered course. This lost him some ground, which reduced the lead a little, but on rounding the bent and making for Cuck Rock buoy, the Haiyang recovered what little ground had been lost and further increased the lead. The positions of none of the first three were over threatened, and the rest of the entries were strung out in the order in which they finished.

After the conclusion of the race, the trophy and a silver cup were presented by Commodore R.A.S. Hill, the trophy being handed to Mr. A.H. White, of the Douglas Steamship Company Limited, and the silver cup to Mr. Twibill.

In making the presentation, Commodore Hill congratulated the winning boat's crew, Mr. Twibill and the owners, after which he pointed out that of the eleven races, the Trophy had been won six times by the Douglas Company and five times by the J.C.J.L. which showed the keenness the race had created between the two companies. He hoped before long that other local companies would have their names inscribed on the Trophy and thereby increase the deserved popularity of the race. The speaker recalled that the Trevesa Trophy for merchant ships' lifboats was presented by a member of the Yacht Club in commemoration of the courage, skill and endurance of the officers and crew of the s.s. Trevesa, with the object of fostering interest among the Mercantile Marine in the handling of ships' lifboats.

Bravery Recalled. The idea of the race, he continued, was to recognise in a tangible form the club members' admiration of the fine seamanship displayed by Capt. Cecil Forster, master of the s.s. Trevesa, and the splendid discipline and courage of the officers and crew in the successful launching of the boats when faced with the problem of having to leave a sinking vessel in mid-ocean on a dark night, with a gale blowing and a heavy sea, and the subsequent battles with the elements in open boats during a voyage of 1,700 miles to a port of refuge. The race was held twice a year, in Spring and Autumn, and in order to make it a popular and successful function, the members of the club desired the co-operation of ships' officers trading to Hongkong, so that the news could be spread and crews be got into training for the next race. After both recipients had returned thanks, Mr. White remarked he hoped his company would be able to keep the trophy in October. Mr. Shields thanked Commodore Hill for the interest he had taken in the race.

### CHINA AND JAPAN.

AGREEMENT MAY BE  
SIGNED TO-DAY.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. Mr. Yoshizawa is leaving for Nanking to-night. It is expected that the Sino-Japanese Tainan agreement will be signed on Thursday morning. —Reuter.

### WARSHIP WRECKED.

ITALIAN DESTROYER HITS  
ROCKS IN FOG.

Shanghai, Mar. 27. The Italian destroyer Muggia, proceeding from Amoy to Shanghai, was wrecked on Finger Rock, in a heavy fog on Monday night.

One officer and 37 sailors were picked up by junk, while the remaining four officers and 75 sailors were taken aboard the Japanese freighter Matsumoto Maru, which is proceeding to Shanghai.

The Italian cruiser Libia left Shanghai this morning to take the survivors from the junk. —Reuter.

### Disaster Follows.

Shanghai, labor. Two Chinese girls are reported to be drowned, and thirty persons are missing, as a result of a collision between the Chinese-owned steamer Kangtai and the Italian cruiser Libia, outside Woosung Spit Buoy, shortly after noon to-day, following which the Kangtai sank within forty minutes.

Of 88 passengers and 40 crew aboard, many were saved by boats from the Libia and from the revenue cruiser Likin, as well as by junk. The passengers were in a panic. The Kangtai was bound from Vladivostok for Shanghai with a cargo of aspen logs. —Reuter.

### CHEFOO TAKEN.

THE TOWN OCCUPIED.

Chefoo, Mar. 27. It is rumoured that the reason for Liu Chen-nien's defeat was that Colonel Liang last night ordered an advance against the enemy, instead of which his troops turned round and attacked Liu's positions on the West front, thus providing a gap through which the enemy advanced.

The situation remains quiet but Chang Chung-chang's men have occupied Chefoo. It is reported that only 600 troops are permitted to enter the town at one time. A small amount of looting is reported, but the Chinese fear extensive looting to-night.

The Cornflower and Trenton have moved close inshore near the foreign quarter. Their presence is expected to have a restraining effect and prevent molestation of foreigners. —Reuter.

### Chang Enters City.

Chefoo, Mar. 27. After interviewing delegates from the Chinese Chamber, Chang Chung-chang and Chu Yu-pu are reported to have entered Chefoo this afternoon.

Several thousands of Chang Chung-chang's troops passed through Chefoo this afternoon en route to the eastward, presumably pursuing Liu Chen-nien. The pursuing troops are commanded by Li Hui-tung, who revolted against Liu Chen-nien in the beginning of February.

The troops appear moderately well armed, and are accompanied by a good number of trench mortars and machine-guns. —Reuter.

### TEACHER AND PUPIL.

PRINCIPAL SUED FOR RETURN  
OF ALLEGED LOAN.

In the Summary Court, before Mr. Justice Wood yesterday afternoon Wong Loong-yat claimed a sum of \$1,000, money alleged to have been lent to Yeung Kwai-chiu.

Mr. F. H. Loseby, of Messrs. Russ and Co. represented the plaintiff, while Mr. D. L. Strellett defended.

In outlining to the Court how the alleged loan was made Wong Loong-yat stated that he joined the Educational Institute some three years ago and studied under the defendant, then the master of the said Institute. At the beginning of 1928 he made the loan to his master, who said he was pressed for money for his own expenses.

The loan was denied entirely by the defendant who claimed that he had received only \$300 from the plaintiff sometime at the end of 1927. He accepted this in the shape of a remuneration from his pupil in return for his board. His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant with costs.

### INDO-CHINA FLIGHT.

FRENCH AIRMEN MAKING  
THE ATTEMPT.

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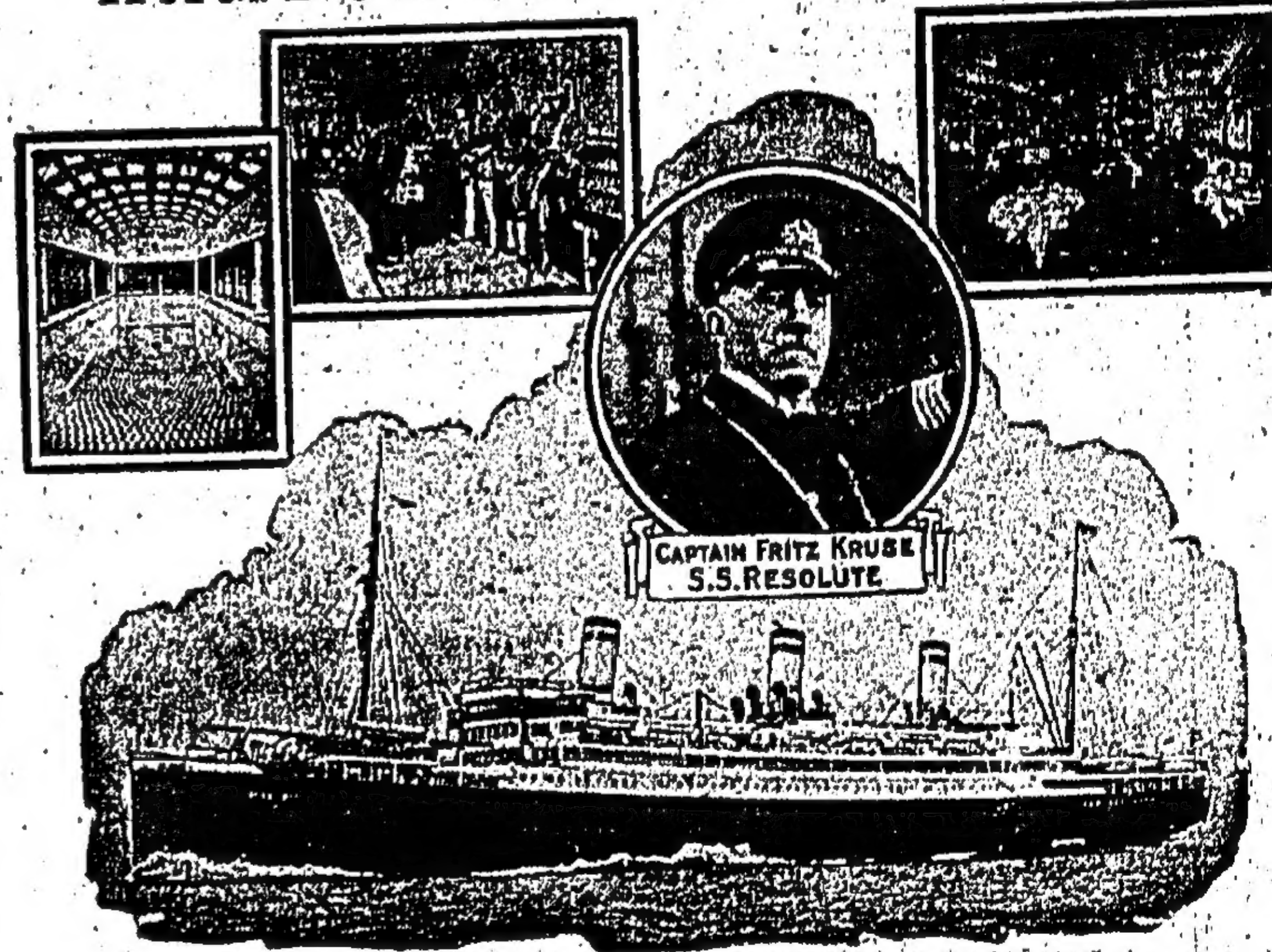
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**INQUIRY INTO DEATH OF  
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**JUSTIFICATION PLEA.**

The sensational shooting affair in the Yaumati District on the morning of March 8 had a sequel at the Kowloon Magistrate's court yesterday afternoon when the evidence leading to the wounding of three Chinese children and the subsequent death of one of them were recounted at a Coroner's Inquest conducted by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith.

A special jury was empanelled, comprising the following: Mr. J. A. Plummer (foreman), Mr. Wong Kam-yuk and Mr. Cheng Shou-yai. Mr. T. Murphy (Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence) watched the proceedings on behalf of the Hongkong Police Force.

The Coroner, addressing the jury at the outset said: "Gentlemen, the object of this inquiry is to investigate the circumstances in which a young Chinese girl met her death." After hearing the evidence it will be your primary duty to give a finding as to what was the cause of her death. You will have a secondary duty, and that duty might be more difficult, and that will be to say whether or not you consider any blame is attached to anybody in respect of her death. I point out to you that this is not a prosecution; nobody is being tried. The object of the inquiry is simply to obtain all the information available on the subject.

Dr. D. J. Valentine, medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Hospital, was the first witness called. He said that the girl, Wong Mui-lai, was admitted at 11.16 a.m. on March 8. She was suffering from two bullet wounds, one an entrance wound and the other an exit wound. The first was just below the lower jaw on the left side and the exit wound was behind the neck, slightly on the right side. Witness indicated where the two wounds were.

**From Close Quarters.**

Immediately on admission she received medical treatment and it was at once seen that there was an injury to the spinal cord as the girl was paralyzed from the neck downwards. She remained in a critical condition till the early hours of the following morning when her breathing got worse, and she passed away at 4 a.m. on March 9.

A post mortem examination was performed later and it was found that the bullet had passed through the spinal cord at the level of the fifth cervical vertebra. That was the cause of death, injury causing paralysis in respiration.

She was later identified by her father and Detective Inspector Lane.

The Coroner: Did the wound give any indication of the distance from which the shot was likely to have been fired?

Witness: The fact that it went clean through suggests that it was moderately close.

**Not a Ricochet.**

Are you in a position to say what kind of shot it was? What weapon I mean?—No, I can only say as to the size of the wound. What roughly do you mean when you say fairly close?—I can only really say it was not within a few inches and it was not greater than... well I should say 50 yards.

When asked if he had any questions to put to the witness, the foreman of the jury said that from what the doctor had said he (the foreman) understood that the shot had taken a rather upward course.

Witness replied that he did not mean to convey that impression. The course of the wound was level, provided the girl had been standing erect when hit.

The foreman remarked that he was thinking of the possibility of the girl having been hit by a ricochet, in which case the course of the wound would incline to be downwards.

The Coroner: There was no indication of a ricochet?

Witness: No, not in my mind.

Mr. C. H. Lamb of the Public Works Department produced copies of a plan of the vicinity between Waterloo Road and Shantung Street.

Important Police Witness.

The most important witness called was Sergeant R. L. Henderson, who recounted the events of the pursuit after a man, who was believed to have been armed, was shot at about 9 a.m. on March 8. He proceeded to Kowloon by the Star Ferry in company with Detective Sub-Inspector M.

Murphy, three Chinese detectives and a prisoner named Ng Chau.

The Coroner (to Mr. Murphy): Would it not be better if we had evidence of what the prisoner was?

Mr. Murphy: The prisoner was alleged to have been a "room boy."

The Coroner: Aren't we going to have evidence of that?

Mr. Murphy: Yes, your Worship.

The Coroner: Well, seeing that Sergeant Henderson has started we had better carry on.

Continuing, witness said that the prisoner was arrested in connection with the larceny of three revolvers from the No. 2 (Wanchai) Police Station. He had one of the weapons in his possession when apprehended. On arrival at the station...

The Coroner: I think at this stage you should tell us why you were going across the harbour?

Witness: To find the second and third revolvers.

The Coroner: You mean he had volunteered to take you...

Witness: To where the second and third revolvers were to be found.

"There's the Man."

Witness said that the prisoner, Ng Chau, took the party to King's Park and in a crevice behind a boulder one of the revolvers was recovered.

When questioned as to the whereabouts of the last weapon, the prisoner took the party to Reclamation Street and then to Pitt Street. Witness walked down the latter thoroughfare towards the sea and later returned. When between Canton Road and Reclamation Street, witness saw a Chinese standing up against a hawker's stall. On seeing the police the man ran away. At the same time the prisoner, Ng Chau, pointed to the running man and exclaimed: "There's the man; he has the revolver."

The police then gave chase, witness taking the lead. The fugitive ran into Reclamation Street and then to Hamilton Street, turning into a scavenging lane which leads to Dundas Street. While running, the man had his left hand on his left hip as if he had something concealed underneath his jacket.

As soon as witness turned into the scavenging lane, he saw the man bring his right hand over to his left hip and at the same time glance over his right shoulder.

The Coroner: How far were you from him then?

Witness: About 30 yards.

The Firing.

Continuing with his narrative witness said, "I then drew my revolver and fired two shots at the man while still running; which did not have effect. He then ran out of the scavenging lane and down Dundas Street towards the sea front. He then went into Canton Road, going towards Mongkok. While in Canton Road I fired a further two shots, but still without any effect."

The Coroner: How far was he away then?—Between 40 or 50 yards.

"He then turned out of Canton Road into Soy Street, going away from the sea, when I lost all sight of him. At the time I fired my first two shots in the scavenging lane there was no person or persons ahead of him, nor did I see anyone in the vicinity. Also, when I fired my last two shots in Canton Road there were no persons in the vicinity; all people scattered owing to the hue and cry."

On returning to the scene of the first shooting a small girl named Wong Mui-lai, aged about ten years, was found lying against a water street fountain, having been shot through the right chest. Also a Chinese female named Leung Sai-nui, aged about 12 years, found shot through the right arm, and a Chinese male named Tan Kam, shot through the right leg. All the injured parties were removed immediately to hospital.

Witness: Children, Run, Home.

The Coroner: Were the three wounded lying close together?

Witness: No, your Worship. The girl Wong Mui-lai (deceased) was lying in the roadway beside the street fountain.

Is the street fountain in the middle of the road?—No. On the edge of the pavement. The other girl and the male came along afterwards with their parents.

To the fountain?—To the fountain your Worship. When the last two had been shot, they had run home.

Did any one else besides you fire a shot?—None that I know of.

When you fired your first two shots how far were you from the street fountain at the top of the scavenging lane?—The Chinese would be about 30 or 40 yards and I myself would be about 70 yards from the fountain.

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## THE HOTEL FIRE DISASTER.

(Continued from Page 2.)

Officer Smith, together with one Chinese sub-officer and nine firemen, left a minute later.

Witness said that he was awakened by the fire alarm and simultaneously he was informed on the telephone by his clerk that an alarm had come from the Hongkong Hotel. He looked out of his window before going and saw a dull red glow, such as might be caused by a motor car or cycle well alight. He ordered out No. 12 motor pump, which left with a Chinese sub-officer and six firemen. At the same time the turntable ladder was sent out. The fireboat left at 3.10 a.m. Full steam was kept in the boat all the year round.

The station received a message showing the locality of the fire and requesting more attendance.

Well Alight.

Witness left the station at 3.13 a.m. and at that time Mr. Moss had already left on his motor cycle. On arriving at the fire he saw that the third, fourth and fifth floors of the King Edward Hotel were well alight. A line of hose was laid into the front entrance of the hotel from a pedestal hydrant. Mr. Moss and a number of men were in Ice House Street, engaged in what witness took to be the work of laying out hoses for tackling the fire.

Witness said that he sent a European civilian to telephone a Brigade call to the fire station. By that time witness meant the calling out of all possible men, appliances and floats in the Colony, except the two appliances in Kowloon.

Witness said that he next entered the front entrance of the King Edward Hotel and went through the lounge where he saw the staircase was on fire from the top to bottom. Some of it had collapsed and witness saw the stairs from the first floor hanging from the walls.

The firemen with the hose previously referred to stood as close to the fire as was possible and played effectively on the fire to prevent it from spreading to the lower stories, the first and ground floors.

Witness on emerging from the Hotel saw Mr. Mitchell who pointed out a person standing on a stone ornamentation above the main entrance and in line with the third floor. Witness ordered the turntable ladder standing in Des Voeux Road to be put in position and the Chinese was rescued. The height from which the man was taken was 63 feet and the escape was up full height.

The Jumping Sheets.

Immediately following this, witness noticed men holding jumping sheets for a person on a third floor verandah, who was waving something white.

Witness said that the jumping sheet was well manned. He shouted to the man above to hold on a little longer and ordered the turntable ladder to drive into position. This was done and the man (presumably an American) was rescued uninjured. Witness said that this was the man who descended from the fourth floor to the third by means of a bed-sheet.

There appeared to be no other persons to be rescued, but witness gave orders that the turntable ladder be kept ready for immediate use and that three men be kept on the lookout for possible rescues.

Witness next directed the work of laying on deliveries from each side of the road. The total number of deliveries were fifteen, these being as follows: Seven from the Fire Brigade, three from the No. 1 fireboat, three from the private hydrants in the Savoy Hotel and two from the naval tug ships.

The fire was well in hand by 6.15 a.m. and the stop message was sent out at 6.42 a.m. and Des Voeux Road was cleared for traffic at 7.30 a.m. The jumping sheets, said the witness, were in good condition.

Of the people rescued witness said that seven persons were rescued by the fire escape from the second floor in Des Voeux Road, three persons were rescued by means of the jumping sheets and two persons by means of the turntable ladders. Of those who died, two persons were burned to death, jumped to death, into Des Voeux Road and seven received multiple injuries by jumping into the sheet.

The total lives lost were eleven and the number of those rescued and still alive was twelve.

Kowloon Aid.

Regarding the Brigade call, witness said that Kowloon sent twelve men to assist in the fire but the two appliances were not brought over owing to the necessary lighter not being available.

Answering the Coroner, witness said that he had always suggested a vehicular ferry for the conveyance of fire appliances to and from Kowloon.

The absence of the two appliances from Kowloon made no difference to the King Edward Hotel fire, but it might have done if the spread of the fire to the Savoy was not checked. If the King Edward Hotel had collapsed, it was quite possible that the fire would have spread to Alexandra and Prince's Buildings.

In another place, witness said that for the first two or three minutes, it was not possible to get a centralized command of those engaged in fire fighting. It was quite possible that the officers on the first two appliances to arrive concentrated on saving lives rather than on checking the fire.

Throwing of Ropes.

Witness said he never saw anyone jump into the sheets and thought it must have been over by 3.15 a.m. at the latest.

The Coroner: Any remarks on the pressure of water?

Witness: There was a good pressure of water.

Witness continuing, said that he had not noticed any leaky hoses, and had he seen any he would certainly have had them replaced. The appliances at his disposal, said the witness, were quite adequate for dealing with the fire, so far as the fire fighting was concerned.

Witness was also asked about the feasibility and soundness of throwing ropes across to the King Edward from Prince's or Alexandra Buildings and replied that he did not consider such a step would have done any good. The people to whom the ropes might have been thrown would probably not know what to do with them, for one thing. Another thing was the difficulty of getting into position to throw the rope to the higher stories in the King Edward Hotel.

Witness then gave details of various ropes carried by the Brigade and stated that the Brigade did not have a rope throwing gun, which was antiquated and was mostly used for the purpose of getting out hoses to ships.

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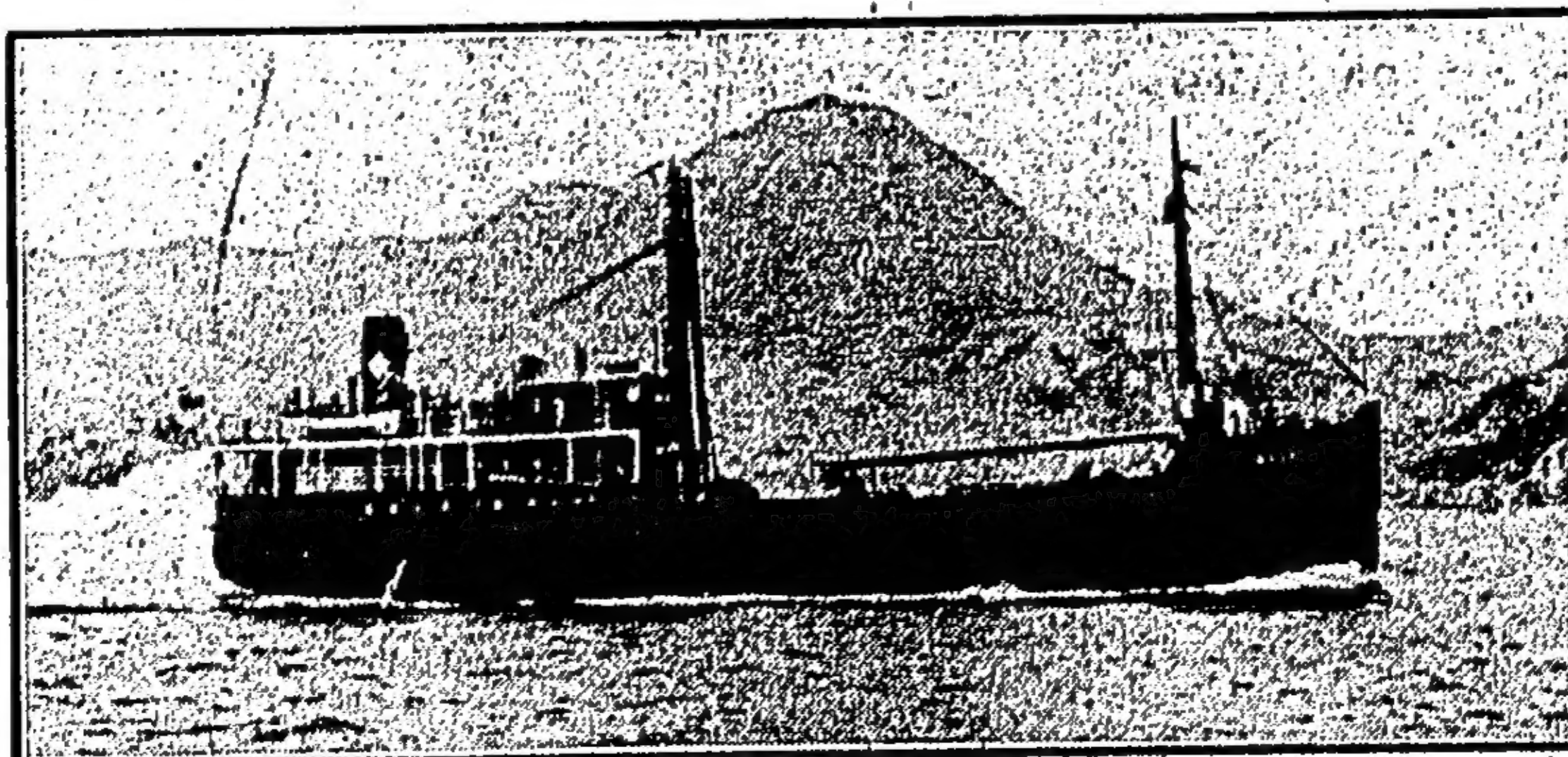
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**MEXICAN BANDITS' OUTRAGE.**  
BIG RANSOM FOR RELEASE OF BRITISHER.  
COMMONS STATEMENT.

London, Mar. 27.  
The capture by bandits in Mexico of Mr. J. W. Reid, a British employee of the San Nicholas Mining and Milling Company, and of Mr. Henry Hanson, the American resident manager of the firm, was mentioned in the House of Commons to-day when Sir Austen Chamberlain, the Foreign Secretary, made a statement with regard to the affair.  
Sir Austen said that the bandits had demanded the payment of a ransom of \$24,000 for the release of the captives, and that their employers were now treating with the bandit leaders for the amount of the ransom.  
Strong representations had been made by the British Minister in Mexico City to the Mexican Government, and had secured a promise that the best will be done. The pursuit of the bandits by Federal troops, he added, had temporarily been suspended in order that there should be no risk to the lives of the unfortunate prisoners, who are stated to be in no immediate danger.  
They were captured in an attack on the Company's premises at Vocas on March 13rd, and have, therefore, been in bandit hands for more than three weeks.  
—British Wireless.

**STREET SLEEPER'S STORY.**  
FEEBLE EXCUSE FAILS TO CONVINCE.

Charged with being in unlawful possession of a European lady's coat, a Chinese, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, told his Worship that he had been sleeping in the streets when somebody put the garment beside him.  
His Worship:—I think if that's the best explanation you can give, I had better convict you right away.  
In evidence, a constable told the court that when arrested the defendant stated that the coat had been given to him by a friend.  
His Worship registered a conviction and on a previous conviction for larceny being produced, sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

**MARINE COURT.**  
MINOR CASES HEARD THIS MORNING.

That he was not familiar with the regulations of the port, although he had had a licence for four years, was the excuse given by the master of a small boat when he was charged before Commr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N., at the Marine Court this morning, for leaving the harbour without a clearance permit.  
Mr. W. R. Hillyer, prosecuting, informed his Worship that the boat was not a big one, and when defendant was arrested, had on board 25 cases of kerosene. A fine of \$15, or two weeks, was imposed.  
Mr. Hillyer also prosecuted in another case in which the master of a boat was charged with failing to take out a licence.  
Defendant, however, said he had one, but it was found to have expired eight months ago. A licence for defendant's class of boat costing \$3.50, his Worship inflicted a fine of \$7.  
For causing an obstruction by anchoring his boat in the Southern Fairway, Leung Liu-sing, a foki of a trading junk, was fined \$10.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND.**  
DUKE OF YORK THE NEW HIGH COMMISSIONER.

London, Mar. 27.  
H.M. the King has approved the appointment of H.R.H. the Duke of York to be Lord High Commissioner of the Church of Scotland, in succession to the Earl of Stair.  
In this capacity, His Royal Highness will open the annual General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.—British Wireless.

**RAIN NOW PROBABLE.**

To-day's Observatory report states that the anticyclone has passed into the Pacific. Another appears to be developing to the north of Shanghai. Shallow depressions are situated over Tokyo and in the vicinity of Tokyo. The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—S.E. or variable winds, moderate; cloudy; probably some rain.

**WUHAN LEADERS' DEFENCE.**  
WHY LU TI-PING WAS OVERTHROWN.

**INACTION WOULD HAVE MEANT TERRIBLE DISASTER.**  
**SUSPICIOUS MOVES.**

In view of the declaration of war by Nanking against Wuhan, the following statement issued by the Wuhan leaders in defence of their action in Hunan is of interest:  
"Reports of the movement of troops from Shanghai to Kiating and of the detention of steamers are persistently heard here. Basing argument on the fact, emphasized by our late leader, Dr. Sun, that the world is for the people, the Central Government have no right to undertake lightly the movement of troops. However, as rumours are prevalent, the rights and wrongs should be allowed to be presented.

**Lu Ti-Ping's Crimes.**  
"Since Gen. Lu Ti-ping took over the chairmanship of the Hunan Provincial Government his administration has been faulty and against public opinion, especially as he tolerated bandits and Communists, thus bringing suffering to the province. The measure of pain suffered by the Hunan people has been as deep as the fathomless sea and as hot as fire. We at first expected that he would suffer pangs of conscience but contrary to this, huge amounts of arms and ammunition were secretly transported during recent times into Hunan.  
"During the time when disbandment and reorganization should have been carried out Gen. Lu not only neglected to execute his orders but also did not suppress the bandits or clarify the province of Communists and further transported into Hunan arms and ammunition. As Gen. Lu was not destitute of such possessions, there was no necessity for him getting more and he should have asked the Group Army Headquarters to which he was attached to supply the arms and ammunitions openly. Why should he therefore have been so secret and mischievous as to transport them from Yuanchow in Kiangsi? What was his intention?

**Action Essential.**  
"The situation developed into one of grave importance, one which, if it had not been promptly dealt with, would have led on to disaster too terrible to imagine. Knowing the facts, the Divisional Council and the Group Army Headquarters could not shrink from their responsibility by letting such continue and ignoring it. Still it is curious that although the entire body of revolutionary military leaders consider such action a shame, the facts are not announced. Further, Gen. Lu does not only blame himself but finds a pretext to challenge this side so as to destroy the peace. Were he a sincere follower of the Party would he do this?

**Let the Public Judge.**  
"We, the following leaders in the revolution, have fought for some years and fortunately unification of the nation has been secured by relying upon the virtue and away of the Central Government. Although our attainment has been meagre, yet by observing the doctrine handed to us by our late leader we have never been behind the others, so hoping that we can only do benefit to the nation, we allow our reputation or the accusations against us to be judged by the public. Besides, as this period in tutelage and time of effort towards construction is none too long, we have no wish to witness war again break out and make the public its prey and also give opportunity to Communists and Imperialists to start further troubles and terrors.  
"We humbly pray that the older statesmen of the Party and nation lead us to peace and extinguish this danger, not only for the welfare of the two Hu provinces but also for that of the Party and the nation who rely upon this.  
"Signed Hu Tsung-tu; Hsin Wei; Ho Chien; Tao Chun; Yeh Chih; Wu Shan; Chen Ju-hwei; Chang Yien; Chang Chi-yung."

**CHURCH SERVICES.**  
**GOOD FRIDAY.**

St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.  
—8 a.m. Matins, Litanies, and Ante-Communion. 10 a.m. Children's Service. The Dean. 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Three Hours' Service, conducted by The Rev. P. Jenkins. 6 p.m. Evening Service with Sermon, Preacher The Rev. H. V. Koop. Easter Eve, March 30th. 10.15 a.m. Matins and Ante-Communion. 5.20 p.m. Choral Evensong, with Preparation for Easter Communion.

**TO CURTAIL OIL PRODUCTION.**  
IMPORTANT DECISION BY U.S. INSTITUTE.  
TO 1928 AVERAGE.

New York, Mar. 27.  
Sir Henri Deterding has arrived here to attend the Conference of the American Petroleum Institute on plans to curtail oil production in the United States, Mexico, and Northern South America.  
He stated that the meeting is one of the fruits of the Conference which he, Mr. Walter Teagle, of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, and Sir John Cadman had in Scotland last year, when it was agreed that oil production ought to be curtailed. He added that it must be arranged so that no one group would profit by the sacrifice of another.

Later,  
The Directors of the American Petroleum Institute have unanimously approved of the American oil industry's plan to curtail the production of crude oil to the 1928 average.  
This means a cut of 170,000 barrels daily in the United States and a reduction in the output of the Mexican, South American and Western Hemisphere fields controlled by the Royal Dutch group.  
The plan includes a recommendation for the formation of a permanent organization to study serious over-production throughout the world.  
Simultaneously, a meeting of oil owners in California decided to curtail average production by at least 138,000 gallons.—Reuter's American Service.

**WAS PARTNERSHIP FAKED?**

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one whom I do not know for the purpose of this bankruptcy?—No, I deny that.

**Two Mortgages.**

Debtor was then questioned as to when the firm first got into financial difficulties, reference being made to two mortgages of nearly all the assets, the mortgages being for \$30,000 and \$65,000.

Debtor said the mortgages were put through in order to get money to pay for some goods, as at that time he was being pressed for money. He was pressed for money in October, last year, but he could still make himself solvent and he did not think of going into bankruptcy.

The only assets he had, besides the mortgaged property, was timber. All the timber that was already in the yard had been paid for. Both mortgages were to men with the same surname as himself, but they were clansmen, not relatives.

Mr. Agassiz:—Does that strike you as being curious?—I am bound to mortgage to people I know.  
The examination was closed.

**GARRISON FOOTBALL.**

**HOW THE LEAGUE SEASON ENDED.**

The usual match Winners v. Rest of the Garrison Football League was played at Soakunpo on Friday, 19th March, and resulted in a win H.Q. Wing 1st Bn. the Queen's Royal Regiment by one goal to nil.

At the conclusion of the match the players formed up in front of the main stand where there were a good many officers and other ranks of the various units in the Command, including the President of the League, Colonel J. S. Bosstock, C.B.E., M.B., R.A.M.C., who referred to the regrettable absence of the Hon. Sec. of the League, Captain A. W. Austin, who, as they all knew, had met with a very bad accident. They must all realize the amount of hard work he had put in to make the League the success it had been this season. He congratulated them on their splendid record, and called on Mrs. Pilleau, wife of the Adjutant 1st Bn. the Queen's Royal Regiment, to present the cup and medals.

The following is the final League table:

	P.	W.	L.	D.	P.	A.	Pts.
H.Q. Queen's	15	12	3	0	46	18	24
A. Coy. R.O.S.B.	15	11	3	1	45	18	23
C. Coy. Queen's	15	10	4	1	44	21	21
B. Coy. R.O.S.B.	15	10	4	1	44	21	21
H.Q. R.O.S.B.	15	10	5	0	38	16	20
1st Bn. H.Q.	15	10	5	0	38	16	20
C. Coy. R.O.S.B.	15	9	5	1	35	19	19
M.G. Coy. Queen's	15	7	7	1	34	19	15
R. A. M. C.	15	7	7	1	34	19	15
M.G. Coy. Queen's	15	6	7	2	32	16	14
B. Coy. Queen's	15	6	8	1	30	12	13
12th L. Bty. R.A.	15	5	10	0	21	17	10
D. Coy. Queen's	15	4	10	1	27	11	9
R. A. C. and							
R. A. M. C.	15	2	11	2	14	20	8
2nd Bn. H.Q. R.A.	15	2	13	1	9	31	5
R. & R. Signals	15	1	14	0	9	31	2

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